ASTRO honors two UF Health Proton Therapy Institute physicians

Drs. Nancy and William Mendenhall inducted to prestigious ASTRO class of 2016 Fellows

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (September 23, 2016) – For their dedication and contribution to the advancement of radiation oncology, Dr. Nancy Mendenhall, medical director of UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, and Dr. William Mendenhall, physician at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, were named American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Fellows. Nancy and William Mendenhall join eight other distinguished ASTRO members in the 2016 class of Fellows. The 2016 class of Fellows will be recognized at an awards ceremony during ASTRO’s 58th Annual Meeting, to be held September 25-28, 2016, in Boston.

The ASTRO Fellows designation honors individuals who have significantly added to the field of radiation oncology in the areas of research, education, patient care or service and leadership. Designees also have been a member of ASTRO for at least 15 years, giving the equivalent of 10 years of service to ASTRO through committee service and similar activities.

With a combined 50 years of experience in radiation oncology, both Nancy and William Mendenhall are internationally recognized for their contributions to the field. They are frequent contributors to medical journals and are regularly invited to speak at national and international oncology conferences.

“We congratulate Drs. Nancy and William Mendenhall for receiving this well-deserved, prestigious honor from ASTRO. Each of the qualifying attributes for this appointment speak to their tremendous skill, passion and commitment,” said Stuart Klein, executive director of UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. “Through their leadership and dedication to radiation oncology and proton therapy, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute has achieved both a national and international reputation for providing cutting-edge, quality care and research.”

The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is committed to delivering advanced, noninvasive cancer treatment in a way that takes the entire patient into account so they can have the best
chance to beat cancer and live life to the fullest. Exemplifying this approach to treatment, Nancy and William Mendenhall have played a critical role in developing a proton therapy program that is among the top-rated cancer centers in Florida and the only proton therapy center in Florida is accredited in radiation oncology by the American College of Radiology.

**About UF Health Proton Therapy Institute**

UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization affiliated with the UF College of Medicine and the UF Health Cancer Center, a Florida Cancer Center of Excellence, dedicated to delivering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and setting new standards for treating and curing cancer. It is an accredited radiation oncology facility by the American College of Radiology. The cancer treatment facility houses both conventional radiation and proton therapy, and delivers proton therapy to 100 patients a day. For more information about the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, please visit [www.floridaproton.org](http://www.floridaproton.org), or call toll-free 877-686-6009.