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Lung Cancer Support Group

The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is proud to host a re-occurring free Lung Cancer Support Group. The group will continue to be held every other month on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8 and will also be on the first Thursday of the month. To learn more about this group and how to attend, please contact the Patient Services Department at (904) 992-7000 or visit floridaproton.org/services.

The cost of proton therapy and proton therapy centers has received a lot of attention. From a cost perspective, proton therapy initially may be more expensive than traditional treatments. However, one reason that proton therapy may be more expensive is that it is a more advanced treatment. This means that it is more likely to be used for more complex cases of cancer. For example, patients with lung cancer are often treated with proton therapy because it can be used to treat tumors that are located near critical organs. The cost of proton therapy in the U.S. to treat tumors using proton beam radiation reestablished itself after it was first brought to market. When the technology and design was brand new, it was prohibitively expensive. Currently, refinements in technology and smaller machines are leading to a reduction in the cost to build and operate a state-of-the-art proton therapy center.

For patients facing many types of cancer, including breast, prostate, lung, esophagus, head and neck, skull base, liver, lymphoma, and melanoma, proton therapy offers significant advantages over traditional treatments. The combination of extremely accurate delivery of a high-dose of radiation and the ability to tailor treatment to individual patients is the known benefits of medical preparation with familiar and unfamiliar staff. To familiarize patients with the process of proton therapy, Kim Andrade, a nurse case manager, has helped lower the rate of children ages five to seven requiring daily treatments. Not only have her methods helped hundreds of previous patients cope with their treatment, but they have also helped prepare them for their future patients. She has helped them develop coping strategies before treatment, so nothing is unfamiliar. To familiarize patients with the process of proton therapy, Andrade has helped lower the rate of children ages five to seven requiring daily treatments.

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The Kelso's described the first couple years of their marriage as a whirlwind. They had just found out about the tumor in Mark's brain and had put their lives on hold to face it. They had to move to a new city and move in with family. They didn't have a lot of money, but they wanted to do everything they could to help him. They didn't want to waste any time. They wanted to get him the best treatment possible. They didn't care if it was the most expensive treatment. They just wanted him to live.