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Dr. Samuel Jean-Baptiste Joins the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute

Physician's Expertise Includes Treating Brain, Lung and Prostate Cancer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Oct. 4, 2024) – The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is pleased to announce Samuel Jean-Baptiste, MD, MS, is now a physician at the cancer treatment center. He specializes in treating brain, lung and prostate cancer. Dr. Jean-Baptiste is also an assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Florida.

“Joining the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is an honor,” said Dr. Jean-Baptiste. “The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is an exceptional place advancing cancer treatment with a patient-centered approach and the unique opportunity to become part of the team offers synergies I believe will enhance patient care,” he continued.

Dr. Jean-Baptiste has a depth of experience in patient treatment and clinical research for cancers of the lung, prostate, central nervous system, head and neck, and gastrointestinal system. Additionally, he serves as section head of Biomedical Informatics for the Department of Radiation Oncology.

“We are delighted Dr. Jean-Baptiste has joined our team,” said Kristin Heath, UF Health Proton Therapy Executive Director. “He is dedicated to improving patient outcomes and reducing the risks of radiation side effects which is what proton therapy cancer treatment is all about,” Heath added.

His expertise includes biomedical informatics, with particular interest in clinical informatics, personalized medicine, improving equity in global cancer care and addressing cancer health disparities in minority groups. He uses artificial intelligence to uncover complex interactions in large cancer datasets.

Dr. Jean-Baptiste completed his medical training at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and radiation oncology residency at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he was Chief Resident.

About the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute

The 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 and NCI-Designated Cancer Center, 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 or call 904.588.1800.

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