City of Hope and San Antonio Regional Hospital to expand access to cancer care in the Inland Empire

*World-class cancer care and research programs to local patients in partnership with San Antonio Regional Hospital*

DUARTE, Calif. — City of Hope, a world-renowned independent research and cancer and diabetes treatment center, and San Antonio Regional Hospital, announced today an affiliation agreement that will significantly expand access to leading-edge, high-quality cancer care, research and services in the Inland Empire.

The partnership’s goal is to combine City of Hope’s world-class cancer care and research expertise with San Antonio Regional Hospital’s 100-plus year tradition of providing high-quality patient care to improve access to the latest in cancer diagnosis and treatment for residents in the Inland Empire.

City of Hope physicians will provide clinical leadership for the new effort, including a medical director of the oncology program and a medical director for the radiation oncology program, located on the campus of San Antonio Regional Hospital’s new $160 million expanded facility.
The collaboration is focused on creating a seamless oncology system of care where patients can access a full spectrum of medical and surgical cancer services conveniently in their own community.

As part of the relationship, City of Hope will develop a comprehensive outpatient cancer center, a multidisciplinary center of excellence providing radiation oncology, medical and surgical oncology, chemotherapy and other cancer-related services in San Antonio Regional Hospital’s new ambulatory center being developed directly across the street from the hospital campus. Construction on the center is expected to begin sometime this year.

“Meeting the needs of patients living in the Inland Empire is at the heart of this important affiliation,” said Harlan Levine, M.D., chief executive of City of Hope Medical Foundation. “Partnering with a high-quality, like-minded hospital like San Antonio Regional Hospital, allows us to further expand comprehensive cancer care-level expertise and services in the community, which will be much more convenient for the patients we serve.”

“As a 109-year-old nonprofit hospital, our focus has always been to put patients’ needs first and foremost,” said Harris Koenig, president and chief executive officer of San Antonio Regional Hospital. “Through this landmark affiliation, our patients will benefit greatly by being able to receive world-class patient-centered cancer care close to their home and families. This is a significant positive milestone in the world of cancer care for the entire Inland Empire,” he said.

Koenig said the hospital has spent the last several years undergoing a major expansion, investing more than $160 million in a new patient tower and larger emergency room. “This affiliation is consistent with our mission to improve access to highly personalized and advanced medical care as part of our expanded health care footprint in the Inland Empire,” he added.
City of Hope is one of 47 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States. It is recognized for research and treatment regimens that have helped advance cancer care across the nation and internationally.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

About City of Hope
City of Hope is an independent research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as one of only 47 comprehensive cancer centers, the highest recognition bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, City of Hope is also a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, with research and treatment protocols that advance care throughout the world. City of Hope is located in Duarte, California, just northeast of Los Angeles, with community clinics throughout Southern California. It is ranked as one of “America's Best Hospitals” in cancer by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation, diabetes and numerous breakthrough cancer drugs based on technology developed at the institution.

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About San Antonio Regional Hospital
San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, California is a 363-bed; nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women’s health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Since 1907, San Antonio Regional Hospital has emerged as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. The hospital has completed a major expansion project that adds a new 52-bed emergency department and a 92-bed patient tower comprised of 80 private rooms and 12 critical care beds on its main hospital campus. The expansion positions San Antonio as a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art health care services in a healing environment that is focused on the patient and family. To learn more, visit www.sarh.org.

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