Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons Earns ACR Accreditation

St. Louis (April 28, 2015) — Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons, a practice in The US Oncology Network, has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Radiation oncology (radiation therapy) is the careful use of high-energy radiation to treat cancer. A radiation oncologist may use radiation to cure cancer or to relieve a cancer patient’s pain.

“ACR accreditation provides confidence to patients that their treatment will be done at a facility that has met the highest level of quality and radiation safety,” said Michael Beat, M.D., M.P.H., radiation oncologist, Arch Cancer Care. “We at Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons are proud to be one of only seven facilities in Missouri to have this prestigious distinction.”

The ACR is the nation’s oldest and most widely accepted radiation oncology accrediting body, with more than 600 accredited sites and 27 years of accreditation experience. The ACR seal of accreditation represents the highest level of quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting specific Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards developed by ACR, after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified radiation oncologists and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Patient care and treatment, patient safety, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed by ACR. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Radiation Oncology Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive healthcare services.

About Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons
St. Louis Urological Surgeons was founded in 1935 with the goal of delivering high-quality urological care to the St. Louis area. Today the tradition of excellence continues. The practice now includes 13 physicians providing comprehensive, multidisciplinary urological care from six convenient locations. In 2009, the practice partnered with Arch Cancer Care to create a unique centralized facility that specializes in the multidisciplinary management of prostate cancer.

Physicians are highly-trained, board-certified urologic surgeons and radiation oncology specialists who are graduates of some of the most prestigious educational centers in the country. They participate in extensive continuing medical education and have been consistent leaders in the introduction of innovative treatments to the local community. The practice is committed to providing the latest urological procedures and treatments and has invested in state-of-the-art radiation and robotic technologies.

Patients receive treatment in convenient, comfortable community-based facilities close to home. Treatment locations are easy to find with close parking and offices that are patient-friendly with minimal walking required, unlike some large hospitals, which can be difficult for patients to navigate. Appointments
and treatments are completed efficiently, with the patient's schedule always in mind. Additionally, treatment is usually more cost-effective than in a hospital setting.

Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons is united in healing with The US Oncology Network, one of the nation's largest networks of integrated community-based oncology practices dedicated to advancing high-quality, evidence-based cancer care. As an affiliate of The US Oncology Network, the practice is united with 1,000 physicians nationwide. For more information, visit www.usoncology.com.

Arch Cancer Care-St. Louis Urological Surgeons is located at 12855 North Forty Drive at the exit of Mason and Highway 64/40. To make an appointment or referral, the phone number is 314-523-5444. To learn more about the practice, visit www.stlurology.com and www.archcancercare.com.

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