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## News Release

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### James Pulsipher Regional Cancer Center Reaches Construction Milestone

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital's new James Pulsipher Regional Cancer Center is well under way and is slated to reach a construction milestone on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The new cancer center will feature two linear accelerators which will provide radiation oncology treatment to cancer patients in the Grand Valley and surrounding areas. The concrete pour for the linear accelerators, totaling over 1250 cubic yards of concrete, will begin at 12:00 am on April 27 and will run for 12 straight hours, with completion expected around 12:00 pm.

**Media is invited to the construction site at 9am on April 27** to learn more about radiation oncology and obtain footage of this exciting milestone.

Linear accelerators offer state-of-the-art technology which helps treat all parts of the body, including organs, by delivering high-energy radiation to the exact site of the patients' tumor. Using image-guided radiation therapy, radiation oncologists are able to precisely track a patients' cancer and monitor treatment, adapting the treatment to changes in tumor volume, which helps increase cure rate and reduces risks to healthy tissue.

"All of the people working on this impressive structure of concrete and rebar are building a place where cancer patients can safely receive life-saving radiation treatments," said Ryan Bagley, MD, Radiation Oncologist with Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology. "The structure itself is an amazing feat of design, engineering, and construction. The thick concrete floor will be a firm foundation for the linear accelerators while the concrete walls and ceiling will protect the staff and the public from radiation exposure. The many tons of concrete and rebar will bring us that much closer to our new cancer center," added Dr. Bagley.

#### Key Features Include:

- \* Thickest portion of concrete is 6 feet
- \* 1253 cubic yards of concrete
- \* 87 total helical piers
- \* 75 tons of rebar
- \* 35 tradesman working on concrete foundations

Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology is a Commission on Cancer accredited program. Grand Valley Oncology earned the prestigious recognition of Patient-Centered Specialty Practice by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The Patient-Centered Specialty Practice recognition is highly coveted and underscores Community Hospital's commitment to providing the highest quality health care possible to patients in western Colorado and eastern Utah. Today, Grand Valley Oncology is one of the largest cancer centers in the area, offering a full range of cancer treatment options including medical and radiation oncology, gynecological oncology, genetic counseling, social services, clinical trials, and a survivorship program.

For more information on medical and radiation oncology treatment options at Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology, please visit [GrandValleyOncology.com](http://GrandValleyOncology.com).

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