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## **St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center Continues Growth with Addition of New Oncologist** *Dr. Nirav Patel Accepting New Patients at St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center*



**Nashua, NH – May 18, 2018** – St. Joseph Hospital is proud to announce Dr. Nirav Patel is joining St. Joseph Hospital's Cancer Center, further expanding access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer treatment close to home. The addition of Dr. Patel both strengthens and expands St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center's existing team of board-certified oncologist/hematologists specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Dr. Nirav Patel studied medicine at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara in Gujarat, India. He also completed two residencies -- Ophthalmology Surgery at the medical school he attended and Internal Medicine at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Following the internal medicine residency, Dr. Patel served as a hospitalist at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, and an assistant professor of medicine for the Department of Medicine at Rutgers University. Most recently, he completed a Fellowship in Medical Oncology at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, with a Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) rotation at The Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. His clinical interests include treating solid tumors as well as breast and lung cancer.

"I'm honored to be part of the Nashua community and join St. Joseph Hospital's team of caring and compassionate providers," said Patel. "I've always been driven to care for people who are navigating cancer. I look forward to partnering with my patients to ensure they get the very best care at an incredibly difficult time."

More than just a cancer treatment facility, St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center is a community of care driven by the most advanced technologies and the heartfelt dedication of the cancer specialist team. Working together, these experts bring multiple perspectives and a wide range of expertise to develop a cancer treatment plan that is right for each patient.

"Cancer does not discriminate – it touches the lives of far too many family members, friends and neighbors," said Donald Reape, MD, medical director of physician practices, St. Joseph Hospital. "We're excited to have Dr. Patel join our cancer care team, so we may provide even more prevention, diagnosis and treatment options to our patients."

Dr. Nirav Patel is accepting new patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 603.880.3408.

### **About St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center**

St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center offers comprehensive services in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all types of cancer. The Cancer Center focuses on treating the whole patient with a full continuum of cancer care and support services, including, pain and symptom management, infusion services, nutrition, spiritual care, psychiatric and social work, as well as cancer companions and support groups. The Center also offers the latest in chemotherapy and radiation treatments, as well as a range of complementary therapies to help with relaxation and well-being that are designed to work together with a patient's cancer treatment plan.

### **About Covenant Health**

Covenant Health is an innovative, Catholic regional health care system and a leader in values-based, not-for-profit health and elder care. Covenant's family of facilities consists of hospitals, skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, assisted living residences and community-based care organizations throughout New England. We're fully committed to offering a continuum of high-quality, compassionate care to the individuals and communities we serve. Please visit [www.covenanthealth.net](http://www.covenanthealth.net) to learn more about us or to review a list of associated locations.