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2009 SCOPE OF SERVICE

A cancer diagnosis presents patients and their families with many different emotional and physical challenges. The specialized staff, physicians, administration and support services at Hahne Regional Cancer Center, a part of DuBois Regional Medical Center, provide compassionate care in a healing atmosphere. Hahne always strives to meet the needs of its patients and their families in the community.

Because of Hahne Regional Cancer Center, DRMC is accredited by the Commission on Cancer, or CoC, as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program. DRMC takes great pride in this accomplishment. When a patient receives treatment at a CoC accredited facility they are ensured to have access to comprehensive care with state of the art services and equipment, clinical trial and new treatment options, a cancer registry that collects data on the type and stage of cancers and treatments results and ongoing monitoring and improvement of care. Most importantly what it means to the patients of the community is quality care close to home.

Hahne provides, through its own resources, or in collaboration with other facilities or programs, comprehensive oncologic and hematologic care to a primary service area encompassing Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties and beyond. In collaboration with Oncology Hematology Associates of Northern Pennsylvania, hematology and medical oncology services are provided on site at our outpatient center, Hahne Regional Cancer Center. Radiation oncology services are provided as a program offered by DRMC.

State of the art technology is part of our ongoing quality and safety initiatives that we provide such as a Varian 2300CD Linear accelerator with a 120 leaf multileaf collimator that provides image guided radiation therapy, or IGRT, for precise tumor

location prior to a patient's radiation treatment. This technology is designed to improve the precision and effectiveness of cancer treatments by giving the radiation doctor the ability through imaging to target and track tumors more accurately, allowing radiation to be delivered to tumors with more precision. Over the last year radiation oncology also installed a new GE Lightspeed RT 16 large bore CT simulator. DRMC continues to have a strong commitment to provide the best in cancer care to the community it serves. This market leading technology allows us to treat cancer by providing the most accurate delivery system with new energy options while concentrating the radiation dose on cancer cells, fighting tumor growth while lowering the dose to surrounding normal tissue. Radiation therapy treatment options provided at Hahne include external beam therapy, 3-D conformal and intensity modulated radiation therapy, or IMRT.

In 2009, the cancer program continued to evaluate the success of the services provided. The focus remains to provide oncology patients quality care specific to their disease. The providers continue to remember that the disease is only one aspect of a patient's care and will continue to address overall emotional needs that are cared for through support services such as pastoral care, social services, nutritional services and counseling in a compassionate and caring environment, while maintaining their dignity and privacy at a personal level.

To further supporting the mission and philosophy of providing comprehensive cancer care close to home, medical oncology services are provided by Oncology Hematology Associates of Northern Pennsylvania in the neighboring communities of Brookville and Ridgway. The services provided include physician consultation, follow up visits, chemotherapy administration and access to clinical trial information and

services. Clearfield Hospital and DuBois Regional Medical Center continue to work together to provide radiation oncology services to the Clearfield and surrounding communities. The Nathaniel D. Yingling Cancer Center opened in January of 2007. The services include physician consultation, follow up visits, external beam therapy including 3-D conformal therapy, IMRT, and the latest imaging technology IGRT.

DRMC provides inpatient specialized care for oncology/chemotherapy and hospice patients. Through DRMC Home Health, oncology service is comprised of skilled professionals who collaborate to meet the multiple needs of patients diagnosed with cancer. DRMC also provides a Medicare-certified hospice program for terminally ill patients who reside in Clearfield, Jefferson, Elk and Indiana counties. The mission of DRMC Hospice is to enable patients to live an alert, pain free life and to manage other symptoms so that the patients last days may be spent in comfort and dignity in their home or home like setting. Bereavement services are provided to families or friends of hospice patients. The multidisciplinary team of professionals is made up of the Hospice medical director, registered nurses, social workers, Pastoral Care Services, health care assistants and other ancillary disciplines and trained volunteers. Collaboratively, these professionals work together to meet the physical, psychosocial, spiritual and emotional needs of the patients and their families.

Hahne Regional Cancer Center looks forward to meeting the needs of our patients who are diagnosed with cancer in the coming year. It will continue to move forward in all aspects of our service line, from the physicians that care for you to offering the latest state of the art technology in a compassionate and healing environment in 2010.