VANTAGE ONCOLOGY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR TWO NEW RADIATION TREATMENT CENTERS IN TEMECULA AREA, OFFERING CANCER PATIENTS INCREASED ACCESS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART SERVICES

New Treatment Center at Redhawk Medical Center on Highway 79 to Open in Early 2005
Additional Center Planned for Universal Health Services Cancer Center at New Temecula Medical Center in 2006

Temecula, Calif., July 29, 2004 – Vantage Oncology Inc., an El Segundo, Calif.-based developer and operator of state-of-the-art radiation oncology centers announced that it has signed a lease to develop a new radiation oncology treatment center at Redhawk Medical Center on Highway 79 in Temecula, in conjunction with Valley Radiotherapy Associates Medical Group (VRA), one of the premier radiation oncology physician groups in the country. VRA recently recruited two highly regarded radiation oncologists, Dr. Mary Ann Rose and Dr. Terence Roberts, to serve the community in connection with this expansion. Vantage Oncology and VRA currently operate the recently upgraded Vantage Radiation Oncology Center in Wildomar, which is located across the street from Southwest Healthcare System’s Inland Valley Medical Center campus. The Redhawk treatment facility is expected to open in early 2005.

As part of its ongoing commitment to provide patients with access to the best cancer care, Vantage Oncology is also planning to develop and operate radiation oncology services at Universal Health Services’ (UHS) new cancer center in Temecula. A full spectrum of advanced radiation therapy services will be available at the cancer center, including the latest in adaptive radiotherapy and radiosurgical treatment. The first phase of the medical center, which includes the cancer center, is planned to open in 2006.

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“We have been very pleased with the new facilities and equipment at the Vantage Radiation Oncology Center in Wildomar, as well as the quality and complexity of physician care provided by Valley Radiotherapy Associates,” said Scott Crane, CEO/Managing Director of Southwest Healthcare System. “Expansion of advanced technology radiation therapy services in Temecula will be a significant asset to the community.”

Vantage Oncology plans to invest approximately $4 million in state-of-the-art radiation treatment and planning equipment and facilities at the Redhawk site. The new technology which includes a Varian 21 EX Linear Accelerator with On Board Imaging capability, a General Electric CT Simulator, and the Varian Eclipse Planning System, brings patients increased access to advanced treatment options including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) and high dose rate brachytherapy.

Vantage Oncology recently invested approximately $2 million in new radiation treatment equipment and facility upgrades at its Wildomar center, including a Varian 21EX Linear Accelerator with IMRT capability. IMRT is an advanced clinical treatment option that permits precise targeting of radiation to a tumor, sparing critical normal tissues that are extremely close to or surrounding a tumor, resulting in better outcomes and fewer side effects for patients.

“Vantage and Universal Health Services have a common goal to bring the communities of Southwest Riverside County convenient access to the latest technology and most advanced options for the treatment of cancer,” said Michael Fiore, chief executive officer of Vantage Oncology. “In combination with the expertise of the physicians from Valley Radiotherapy Associates and other clinical staff at these centers, people diagnosed with cancer and their families will be provided with superior care.”

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Valley Radiotherapy Associates has been providing physician services at the Vantage Radiation Oncology Center in Wildomar since 2000 and will provide professional services at the new Redhawk site and at the planned UHS cancer center in Temecula.

“VRA is committed to providing the Southwest Riverside County communities with the highest quality patient care,” said Leslie Botnick, M.D., medical director of Vantage Oncology and president/chief executive officer of VRA. “Vantage Oncology’s commitment to investing in the latest technology for the treatment of cancer in conjunction with the expertise of our radiation oncologists serving these communities will allow us to provide patients with access to the most advanced clinical treatment options.”

VRA physicians Mary Ann Rose, M.D., medical director, and Terence Roberts, M.D. provide radiation oncology services to patients at the Vantage Radiation Oncology Centers. A Board-certified radiation oncologist, Dr. Rose has been practicing in Southern California for 10 years, most recently serving as chief of the department of radiation therapy at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido. Dr. Rose has sub-specialty expertise in IMRT and a special interest in the treatment of breast cancer. She has been named one of the best doctors in America in radiation oncology by Best Doctors®, earned her M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and completed her residency in radiation medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She is joined by Dr. Terence Roberts, who earned his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, completed his residency at Johns Hopkins and a Fellowship in Radiation Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco. He previously practiced at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. As members of VRA, one of the largest and most prestigious independent radiation oncology practices in the country, Drs. Rose and Roberts are supported by the collective expertise of the Group’s network of 30 physicians, as well as proven practice guidelines and treatment protocols to provide patient-focused care.

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**About Vantage Oncology, Inc.**
Founded in May 2002, Vantage Oncology, Inc. develops and operates state-of-the-art radiation oncology centers. The company has an affiliation agreement with Valley Radiotherapy Associates Medical Group to provide clinicians, clinical systems and clinical treatment expertise. El Segundo, Calif.-based Vantage Oncology is led by a seasoned management team, including Chief Executive Officer Michael Fiore, Chief Development Officer/Chief Financial Officer Marshal Salomon, Vice President of Operations Milton Hinkle and Medical Director Leslie Botnick, M.D. Vantage Oncology has received financing from New Enterprise Associates, Conning Capital Partners, Salix Ventures and Versant Ventures and was created in response to the growing need among cancer patients, hospitals and physicians for accessible and advanced radiation treatment therapies. For more information about Vantage Oncology, visit [www.vantageoncology.com](http://www.vantageoncology.com).

**About Valley Radiotherapy Associates Medical Group, Inc.**
Valley Radiotherapy Associates Medical Group, Inc. (VRA) was founded by Leslie E. Botnick, M.D. and Christopher M. Rose, M.D. in June 1983 to deliver radiation oncology services. Today, El Segundo, Calif.-based VRA has 30 board-certified radiation oncologists and provides advanced radiotherapy services to communities at 15 hospitals in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in California, Denver and Vail, Colo., and Las Cruces and Santa Fe, N.M. VRA has distinguished itself during the past 20 years as one of the premier radiation oncology groups in the nation with a proven record of excellence in clinical treatment, superiority in service delivery and technical acumen to develop new programs. For more information about VRA, visit [www.valley-radiotherapy.com](http://www.valley-radiotherapy.com).

**About Southwest Healthcare System**
Since 2001, Southwest Healthcare System has displayed an unceasing dedication to improving the quality of healthcare in Southwest Riverside County. Inland Valley Medical Center is an 80-bed general acute care hospital and trauma center in Wildomar, opened in 1987. Rancho Springs Medical Center is a 96-bed general acute care hospital in Murrieta, opened in 1992. Both have plans for bed expansion with construction scheduled to begin in 2005. Our direction for the future is clear, yet subject to continual refinement as we seek to meet the growing healthcare needs of those in the communities we serve. For more information about Southwest Healthcare System, visit [www.swhcs.com](http://www.swhcs.com). Southwest Healthcare System is owned and operated by Universal Health Services, Inc., one of the largest health care management organizations in the country.

**About Vantage Radiation Oncology Center at Wildomar**
Vantage Radiation Oncology Center at Wildomar provides radiation therapy services for the treatment of cancer to Southwest Riverside County. The Center offers 3-D Conformal Radiation Therapy and IMRT. The Center also provides social support services, such as support groups and patient transportation. The Center is staffed by highly trained clinicians with expertise in implementing and utilizing the most advanced radiation therapy technology. Located at 36450 Inland Valley Drive, Suite 101, across the street from Inland Valley Medical Center, the Center is open Monday through Friday, except for holidays, and accepts most major insurance plans. Appointments can be made by calling (909) 696-0679.

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