

SD CYBERKNIFE CENTER

Radiation Oncology

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For nearly 70 years, Radiation Medical Group, the premier radiation-oncology group in San Diego, has served our community and developed innovative procedures to treat cancer patients. The center's physicians, including top doctors Fuller, Ijaz, Tova and Smith, offer patients the most advanced cancer treatments available, such as IMRT and stereotactic radiotherapy. Their latest facility, the San Diego CyberKnife Center, is the first in the area to offer this cutting-edge technology, which is giving cancer patients new hope.

The CyberKnife® Stereotactic Radiosurgery system, the only radiosurgical system approved by the FDA for tumor treatment anywhere in the body, destroys tumors with pinpoint accuracy, without surgery and with minimal risk of damage to surrounding tissue. According to Dr. Damon Smith, president of Radiation Medical Group, CyberKnife technology represents a quantum leap in how tumors and other lesions can be treated.

"The CyberKnife system delivers radiation so precisely it can hit the head of a pin," explains Dr. Smith. "This precision allows physicians to treat with as much as three to four times the amount of traditional radiation straight to the tumor, with far less radiation to the surrounding tissue than other approaches."

While radiosurgery (using radiation to shrink and destroy tumors) is not a new science,



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physicians say CyberKnife technology takes radiosurgery to a new level and is a promising option for people whose tumors have been diagnosed as inoperable, such as tumors in the lung, pancreas, liver, pelvis, spine and brain.

"Our team of talented physicians, medical

physicists and technical staff—among the best in San Diego—has made it possible to bring CyberKnife and other advanced cancer-treatment options to our patients," says Dr. Donald Fuller. "Our team is poised to embark on the next generation of cancer treatment."