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**FLORIDA SURGEON GENERAL PRESENTS FOUR CANCER CENTERS OF
EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

TALLAHASSEE—Four Florida hospitals are being recognized this week as Cancer Centers of Excellence. State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong is visiting each facility to present a certificate in honor of this prestigious achievement.

“The first ever Cancer Center of Excellence Awards in Florida reflect the state-of-the-art, patient-centered cancer care available right here in our great state,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “Through a rigorous process, these four cancer centers have demonstrated their commitment to cancer research and collaboration that rival programs around the world. This is another great week for Florida’s families.”

The Cancer Center of Excellence Award recognizes organizations for demonstrating commitment to excellence by providing patient-centered coordinated care for those undergoing cancer treatment and therapy in Florida. The recipients include the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Mayo Clinic Florida, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and University of Florida Health Cancer Center, which includes University of Florida Health Shands Hospital, University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute and UF Health Cancer Center—Orlando Health.

WHAT: Cancer Center of Excellence Award Presentation

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 2015
7:30 a.m.

WHERE: University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute
2015 N. Jefferson St.
Jacksonville, FL 32206

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 2015
8:45 a.m.

WHERE: Mayo Clinic
4500 San Pablo Road S.
Jacksonville, FL 32224

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 2015
11:15 a.m.

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WHERE: UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital
1515 SW Archer Road
Gainesville, FL 32608

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 2015
2:00 p.m.

WHERE: UF Health Cancer Center—Orlando Health
1400 S. Orange Ave.
Orlando, FL 32806

WHEN: Thursday, April 16, 2015
4:30 p.m.

WHERE: H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute
12902 Magnolia Drive
Tampa, FL 33612

WHEN: Friday, April 17, 2015
2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at University of Miami Miller School
of Medicine
1475 NW 12th Ave.
Miami, FL 33136

The goal of the Cancer Center of Excellence Award Program is to encourage excellence in cancer care in Florida, attract and retain the best cancer care professionals to the state, and help Florida organizations be recognized nationally as a preferred destination for quality cancer care. The designation is based on measured success in delivering the quality cancer care to patients and family members.

The Cancer Center of Excellence Award was established in 2013 by the Florida Legislature through statute. The Department of Health is charged with facilitating this process for health care organizations that wish to apply for the designation. Each application is assessed by a team of five independent evaluators who determine eligibility for the award through written review and site visits. Evaluators report to the State Surgeon General on applicants that met the rigorous performance measures and excel in providing quality, comprehensive and patient-centered coordinated care. Today's recipients mark the first cancer centers in the state ever to achieve this award.

For more information on the qualifications and process to apply go to www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/research/cancer-center-of-excellence-award.html.

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