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## **NORTHERN ILLINOIS PROTON CENTER APPOINTS PROMINENT DOCTOR AND EDUCATOR TO BOARD**

DEKALB, IL- Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center (NIPTRC) announced today that it has unanimously approved the nominations of Dr. Bharat Mittal and Dr. Tara Henderson to serve on its Board of Managers. Dr. Mittal currently serves as Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and brings over 30 years of experience in treating cancer patients.

“We are honored and very pleased to have Dr. Mittal and Dr. Henderson working with us to open the absolute best proton therapy facility in the country,” said John Lewis, executive director of NIPTRC. “Dr. Mittal’s experience as a doctor, researcher, teacher, and leader in the field of radiation oncology reflect the high quality plans we have for this center. Dr. Henderson brings great knowledge in the area of pediatric oncology and represents our commitment to working with some of the most vulnerable cases of cancer.”

Dr. Mittal has practiced as an attending physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. During his time at Northwestern, he served as the Section Chief and Medical Director of Radiation Oncology for approximately 14 years and was appointed to Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology in 2006. Simultaneously, Dr. Mittal has served on the faculty of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. He is also the president-elect of the Society of Chairmen of Academic Radiation Oncology Programs in the United States; vice chairman of the Government Relations Committee of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, the largest radiation oncology society in the world; and serves as an advisor to the FDA’s Medical Devices Advisory Committee’s Radiological Devices Panel. He is widely published with more than 200 articles, abstracts, and book chapters; he has been invited to give presentations and lectures throughout the United States, China, India, Canada, Brazil, Japan, Switzerland, Argentina, and Spain; and he is recognized by various professional directories as one of the best doctors in America.

“I look forward to serving on the board of the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center,” said Dr. Mittal. “As a non-invasive and precise radiotherapy treatment, proton therapy holds great promise and potential for those suffering from certain types of cancer. As such, great care must be given to the research and development of this treatment option.”

Dr. Henderson serves on the faculty of the University of Chicago as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Section of Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation. She has extensively researched, written, and lectured on childhood cancer and serves as the Director of the University of Chicago’s Childhood Cancer Survivors Center. Previously, Dr. Henderson served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School.

“Bringing proton therapy to Chicagoland brings hope to many children suffering with cancer,” said Dr. Henderson. “I am excited to serve on this board, as this treatment is quickly becoming the preferred radiation therapy choice for pediatric cancers because of its ability to spare healthy tissues and developing organs. Together, this team will ensure the highest level of care and guarantee the appropriate application of this cutting-edge medical technology.”

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