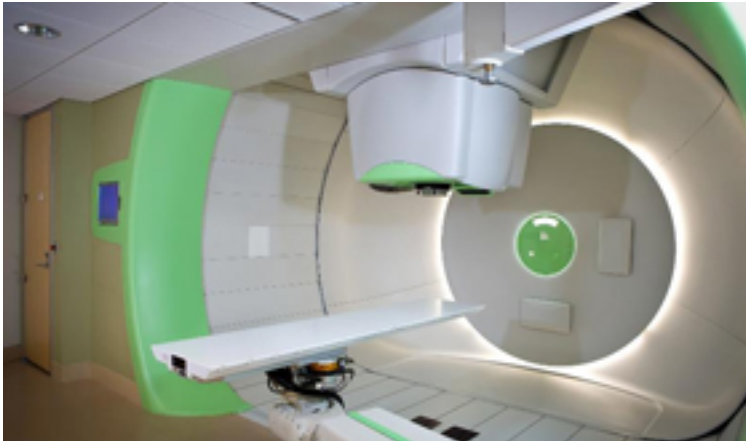


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Hampton, Va. - African-American men lead the world in prostate cancer incidences, according to the American Cancer Society's 'Cancer Facts and Figures 2009'.

Hampton University is addressing this and other cancer-related minority health disparities with the most precise form of cancer treatment to date. The Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute (HUPTI) is the largest of its kind in the world and when its doors opened in August 2010, became only the eighth facility in the country to offer proton therapy.

Proton therapy is able to target tumors with millimeter accuracy, sparing surrounding healthy tissue resulting in reduced side effects for the patient.

"In July of 2009, I received a diagnosis of prostate cancer," said Alfred Scott of Hampton, Va. "My doctor scheduled me for radiation treatments. However, since so many of my friends and family members experienced disturbing side effects from radiation I wanted to seek an alternative treatment."

Scott said he was watching the local news and learned about proton therapy and that Hampton University was opening a proton facility.

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"I went to the internet to do extensive research about proton therapy and everyone spoke so positive about their experience and about the treatment, that I decided that proton therapy was the best choice for me," said Scott. "I am very happy with my decision."

Scott wanted to be one of the first patients treated when HUPTI opened. "I told my doctor I was going to wait until this facility opened up. I contacted HUPTI for a consultation and became one of the first ones to be treated.

"My appointments were only thirty minutes each day, and the actual treatment time lasted only a minute long. I finished my eight weeks of treatment in November of 2010. I have not experienced any after effects over a year and a half after treatment. I didn't even have to alter my daily routine due to any complications during treatment."

The average treatment time is two minutes or less, five days a week, from one to nine weeks.

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