In 1955, Howard Hall, founder of Iowa Manufacturing Company, had a foreman who needed radiation therapy to treat his cancer. Because there were so few radiation centers in the country, he had to travel to Canada to receive his treatment. Mr. Hall decided that people in Iowa needed an option to receive radiation treatment closer to home. In 1956, Howard and Margaret Hall bought a cobalt-60 teletherapy unit and opened a radiation center on ground owned by the Sisters of Mercy. This was the first radiation treatment center in Iowa and was also among the first radiation treatment centers in the United States. The mission of the Hall’s radiation center was to provide the best radiation treatment in a community setting. From there, Hall Radiation Center continued to grow. In the 1970’s, linear accelerators proved to be the best in radiation therapy, and one was installed in Hall Radiation Center along with a simulator and an X-ray machine. Hall Foundation provided funding for a computerized radiation planning system in 1981 and purchased another accelerator in 1983.

Today, Hall Radiation Center still proves to be among the best centers for radiation therapy. At Hall Radiation Center, treatment can be personalized to each individual by using state of the art technology such as TomoTherapy and the Trilogy System Linear Accelerator. By using the technology available with these machines, the radiation oncologists are able to treat tumors more effectively than other, more traditional, radiation machines. The technology available at Hall Radiation Center allows for more targeted therapy by providing the ability to shape radiation beams to treat tumors while avoiding the healthy tissue around tumors. The advanced treatment options, and talented, caring physicians and staff at Hall Radiation Center, are part of what makes Hall-Perrine Cancer Center the best choice for cancer care in Cedar Rapids!

Spotlight on Dr. Wook Lee, Radiation Oncologist at Hall Radiation Center

I grew up in Chicago. Since I am from the north side, I am a huge Cubs fan. I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and graduated with a degree in molecular biology. I finished medical school at University of Illinois at Chicago. Afterwards, I completed my radiation oncology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

I joined the Hall Radiation Center in the summer of 2006 because of my strong interest in gynecological brachytherapy and stereotactic body radiation therapy. We are one of few centers in Iowa that can perform all gynecological HDR brachytherapy for treatment of various gynecological tumors. We are also blessed to be one of few centers in Iowa with TomoTherapy and TrueBeam machines to perform SRS and SBRT for various cancer patients. The Hall Radiation Center is among the top radiation centers in the state.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family. My two boys, ages 7 and 3, keep me busy. I enjoy traveling to Chicago and watching various sporting events. I am big fan of all Chicago sports –go Blackhawks! I also enjoy drinking some good coffee and reading. Our family also enjoys hiking. Our favorite place to hike is at the Rocky Mountain National Park.
Thyroid Cancer Support Group
For thyroid cancer patients and caregivers
Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Hall-Perrine Cancer Center Community Room
Thyroid Cancer Demystified: Jamie Garringer, a thyroid cancer survivor, will lead a group discussion.
For more information call Jamie at (319) 481-2563 or email cedarrapids-ia@thyca.org.

Cancer Support Group
For cancer patients, caregivers, family members or anyone touched by cancer
Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Topic: Visit with Rev. Dr. Catherine Quehl-Engel, Chaplain at Cornell College
First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, IA (Parking and entrance in the back of the church)
For more information call Sallie Buelow, Nurse Navigator, at (319) 213-4439.

Us TOO Prostate Cancer Support Group
For prostate cancer patients and caregivers
Thursday, August 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Note time change to 5:30
Hall-Perrine Cancer Center Community Room
Topic: Clinical Trials – What You Should Know. Presented by Tami Mason, RN, Clinical Research Associate, Hall-Perrine Cancer Center.
For more information call Brenda Werner, Nurse Navigator, at (319) 329-8373.

Multiple Myeloma Support Group
For multiple myeloma cancer patients and caregivers
Thursday, August 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Topic: Social hour – get to know each other and hear others’ stories about their journey with Multiple Myeloma.
For more information, please contact Inez Lensch at CedarRapids@IMFSupport.org or call (319) 298-9347.

Especially for You® Breast Cancer Support Group
For breast cancer patients and caregivers
Tuesday, August 25, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Note time change to 5:30
Topic: Exercise during and after cancer. Hear from Nichole Plagge, Physical Therapist for Thrive Therapy, Fitness, and Wellness Program at Hall-Perrine Cancer Center.
For more information please call Sallie Buelow at (319) 213-4439.

For information on any of these activities call (319) 365-HOPE or visit, www.hallperrinecancercenter.org

25th Annual Especially For You® Race Against Breast Cancer
For cancer patients, caregivers and anyone who wants to join the fight against cancer
Sunday, October 4, at 8 a.m.
Hall Perrine Cancer Center, 10th Street SE
Races include 5K run, 5K walk, and Family Fun Walk.
Registration open now through 7:30 am Sunday, October 4.
Survivors photo at 7:30 am Sunday, October 4.
For more information call (319) 398-6582 or Visit www.especiallyforyourace.org.

Free - Healing HeARTS Art Workshop
For individuals with cancer or other serious illness, their caregivers and family members
Thursday, August 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
A 90-minute workshop using your creative process in the making of art as a tool for healing and life enhancement.
Arts Imaginarium, 1847 E Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids.
Limited space available. Make your reservation by calling (319) 350-1805 or email info@eiaaprogram.com.

St. Peregrine Prayer Group - open to all
A time to reflect: for patients, caregivers and community members. Heal your spirit through prayer.
10:30 a.m. every Monday in the Reflection Room at Hall-Perrine Cancer Center.
Questions about the group? Visit with Jean Bierrmann at Hall Radiation (319) 398-6180 or Chaplain Tammy Buseman at Pastoral Care (319) 398-6106.

ACS Look Good, Feel Better
In treatment? Complimentary makeover/skin care.
Call (888) 227-6333 to reserve your seat and kit!
Monday, August 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center Conference Room, 701 10th St SE, Cedar Rapids

For these and other events contact the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center at (319) 365-HOPE or visit www.hallperrinecancercenter.org

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