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## **AV HOSPITAL AND CITY OF HOPE MEDICAL GROUP ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO OPEN CANCER CENTER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY**

(LANCASTER, CA – February 11, 2008) — Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) and City of Hope Medical Group have announced their intended collaborative partnership to develop a Cancer Center, which will be built on the land between Antelope Valley Hospital and the AV Outpatient Imaging Center on 15<sup>th</sup> Street West. This agreement is a significant step in AV Hospital's strategic plan to expand services for the residents of the Antelope Valley.

"We are extremely proud to be collaborating with such a distinguished medical group," said Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer. "The physicians of City of Hope Medical Group are known worldwide for their leading cancer research— and now through this collaboration, we'll be able to bring that expertise to the Antelope Valley."

The proposed Cancer Center will expand vital cancer services offered in the Antelope Valley, including: Hematology, Medical Oncology, Infusion Therapy, Radiation Oncology, General and Oncologic Surgery, Oncologic Dermatology, Urology, Neurosurgery, and other subspecialty oncology services. Its development is currently underway, as City of Hope Medical Group is now providing surgical oncology services on the campus of AVH.

"It is unfortunate, most everyone can think of a loved one or friend who has been affected by cancer," said Vincent Jensen, Chief Operating Officer for City of Hope Medical Group. "Antelope Valley residents should know that they will have access to the most advanced and comprehensive array of services when faced with the disease. Through our partnership with AV Hospital and with the support of many fine physicians

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already providing care at AVH, the Cancer Center will be an invaluable resource to the community.”

Cancer treatment is unique for each person, and that includes their physical recovery as well as their psychological recovery. This is one of the reasons why AVH is planning to provide additional services to cancer patients and their families. These will include home health services, a learning center, cancer registry, hospice program, data management for clinical research, nutritional counseling, case management and community and volunteer programs.

“Research shows that by treating the whole body, not just the cancer, patients have a greater prospect of recovering and having a better quality of life,” explained Mirzabegian. “By offering additional services to patients and their families, we’re giving them the option of getting the best treatment possible, for body and mind.”

**About City of Hope Medical Group**

Comprised of more than 200 nationally recognized experts in medicine, City of Hope Medical Group, formed in 1977, provides multi-specialty physician services to City of Hope National Medical Center and other surrounding hospitals and communities. Collaborating to discover, develop and implement innovative strategies for the prevention and treatment of cancer, City of Hope Medical Group provides multi-disciplinary medical care through an integrated medical group. City of Hope Medical Group is located at 44215 15<sup>th</sup> Street West Suite 213 in Lancaster, California. For more information call (661) 902-5600, visit [www.cohmg.com](http://www.cohmg.com)

**About Antelope Valley Hospital**

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit [www.avhospital.org](http://www.avhospital.org) or call (661) 949-5000.

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