



meet your new neighbor

expert cancer care—
coming soon to a location near you

by kim anderson

With new housing developments stretching from Coeur d'Alene to the Washington state line, people in Post Falls have grown accustomed to ground breaking and new growth. Earlier this year, Kootenai Cancer Center brought another new neighbor to Post Falls.

In January, medical oncologist Naseer Ahmad, M.D., began seeing patients in one of the suites at the Kootenai Health Park on Mullan Avenue. Patients, particularly those on the west side of Kootenai County, immediately appreciated the convenience of the new location.

Work has also begun on an entirely new facility—Kootenai Cancer Center at the Kootenai Health Park in Post Falls. Construction is estimated at \$8 million and is expected to take a little over a year to complete.

The new center will be a two-story structure, with radiation therapy on the main floor and chemotherapy on the second floor. The space will accommodate two medical oncologists and two radiation therapists and include complete support services such as patient exams, dietary and social services, a pharmacy, chemotherapy infusion and labs.

The crescent-shaped facility will have a “Northwest feeling,” with rock pillars and wood siding. Large windows will give patients relaxing views of a healing garden courtyard. A meditation walk through the garden will offer a peaceful diversion for patients and families receiving care at the center.

The new 20,900-square-foot building will occupy two-thirds of the remaining five acres on the 10-acre Kootenai Health Park site. Long-term plans may also include a three-story parking garage and an additional medical building on the site. It's just one more way Kootenai Health is being a good neighbor by working to meet the healthcare needs of our growing community. *v&v*



Naseer Ahmad, M.D.,
medical oncologist

get to know us

go

For more information on Kootenai Cancer Center and its locations in Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint and Post Falls, visit kootenaihealth.org/cancer, or call the *Vim & Vigor* Community Line at **208-666-2855**.