The next chapter in cancer care

1900  Mercy Hospital opened and began serving patients
1956  Hall Radiation Center established with the first community hospital-based cobalt unit west of the Mississippi River
1973  Expanded Hall Radiation Center
1974  First linear accelerator (4 million volt) and treatment simulator purchased
1975  Mammography system installed
1977  Whole body CT unit installed
1977  100,000th treatment given at the Hall Radiation Center
1979  Martin Wiesenfeld, MD, FACE, was the first medical oncologist hematologist practicing in Cedar Rapids
1980  Sisters of Mercy started Hospice of Mercy
1981  Computerized treatment planning system installed
1983  Oncology Associates formed
1983  6 million volt accelerator installed
1985  Offered research studies with CROP (Cedar Rapids Oncology Project)
1986  Mobile digital mammography on the road
1987  Mercy’s Women’s Center opened
1988  Received a multi-million dollar endowment
1988  Hall Radiation Center expanded and renovated
1988-1989  18 million volt linear accelerator installed, new treatment planning computer added
1988  Established a multidisciplinary cancer conference
1988  Mercy’s Eastern Iowa Center for Cancer Detection Treatment and Research formed
1989  Dedicated oncology social worker added
1990  Mercy became an approved American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer program
1990  Especially For You® After Breast Cancer Support Group established
1991  Mercy developed Community Cancer Support Group
1991  First annual Especially For You race
1992  US Too Prostate Cancer Education & Support Group established
1994  Kids Count Too developed
1998  Began offering Prostate Seed Implants
1998  21 million volt accelerator installed, entire department computerized, 3D treatment planning capability added, new treatment simulator added
1999  Dedicated oncology social worker added
2000  Coronary brachytherapy for cardiac restenosis instituted and Intensive Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) begins
2002  The second 21 million volt linear accelerator installed
2004  Radiation Oncology of Cedar Rapids began affiliation with Mercy
2005  Purchased TomoTherapy linear accelerator
2006  Pertine Oncology Neurosurgical Center opened
2007  Board endorsed moving forward with Destination Cancer Center concept
2007  Dennis & Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy opened
2008  da Vinci® robotic surgical unit added
2009  Trilogy linear accelerator installed
2009  PET/CT scanner added
2010  Summer - Mercy added dedicated nurse navigator and massage therapist for more comprehensive care
2010  May - New wide bore CT scanner in radiation center
2010  August 18 - Mercy announces Destination Cancer Center and affiliation with Oncology Associates
2010  Fall - Site preparation for Destination Cancer Center
2011  Spring - Construction will begin
2012  Spring - Destination Cancer Center scheduled to open