

**Thomas P. Canty, MD, FACRO Mission Statement
for Arizona Prostate Cancer Center**

I have been in the practice of Radiation Oncology in the Phoenix area since 1989, upon my graduation from residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. From the start of my medical school days until the present time (and for undoubtedly the years to come), my focus has always been centered on the patient and the highest quality care that can possibly be delivered to the patient. My own personal experience with receiving radiation therapy (following major chest surgery) as an 8 year old boy certainly made me interested in becoming a physician and namely a Radiation Oncologist. From my own childhood experience, then through medical school and residency, I discovered how Radiation Oncology is a very unique specialty in that it is very technically oriented, yet at the same time very much patient oriented. There is such great intimacy that is fostered between the physician and the patient as there is so much clinical contact with the patient from the first day of the consultation meeting, during the planning of the treatment, during the several weeks of radiation therapy and beyond in follow up. For me, this has been a grand journey on which I have been traveling during my life in achieving for me and my patients alike. I can not think of anything else that I would rather be doing than to be a physician, namely a Radiation Oncologist, for my patients!

Over these many years of practice, I have treated all types of malignancies, literally treating every part of the body from head-to-toe. But my passion and special interest has been in the treatment of prostate cancer for many of these years. I am certainly well versed in treating prostate cancer, from patient management to clinical and technical expertise as they are concerned in managing a prostate cancer treatment center like Arizona Prostate Cancer Center. And the expertise does not stop with me. At this center I have had the great fortune of being able to assemble a top notch staff from mostly people with whom I have known and worked for many years, ensuring that every facet of treatment delivery for any patient undergoing radiation therapy and other evaluations at this center is unsurpassed. The equipment utilized in treatment planning and radiation treatment delivery is the highest quality and state-of-the-art. No expenses were spared with this in mind and in order to achieve the mission of this fine facility.

The Urologists who have supported the development of this facility and who have made this center come together in this fashion fully support this mission as well. And the mission of me, the supporting staff at this center and the supporting Urologists is that we will take care of and support any patient who has had the misfortune of being diagnosed with prostate cancer. We will all do this to the best of our abilities and ensure that this time in a patient's life is as unburdened as humanly possible, by placing the burden on us to care for the patient in the most responsible, well mannered, respectful and technically superior way as possible!

Dr. Tom Canty