

Varian, Tata Trust collaborate for advanced cancer care solutions

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Tata Trusts and Varian announced the signing of a framework agreement intended to increase patient access to advanced radiation therapy treatments in the country. The three-year agreement is focused on world-class cancer care delivery through the installation of radiation therapy treatment systems across India where Varian has been selected as the preferred supplier by Tata Trusts.

The agreement is part of a program undertaken by Tata Trusts with the goal of creating patient-centric cancer institutions to deliver standardized and affordable care closer to patients' homes in different regions in India, including rural areas where many patients do not have the financial means to access existing care options.

Included in the scope of the agreement, is the creation of a significant number of new cancer centers, as well as the installation of advanced radiotherapy equipment in already existing centers in these areas. At its culmination, the program is targeted to bring world-class cancer care to an estimated quarter million patients per year that previously did not have easy or affordable access to treatment options.

In addition to the installation of the radiation therapy treatment systems, the Varian ARIA® oncology information system and Eclipse™ treatment planning system will be implemented in a secure network hosted on a private cloud, to assist in elevating the level of care across India. The first systems are estimated to begin installation later in 2019.