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### **The Oregon Clinic Welcomes New Physician to Radiation Oncology Division**

**Portland, Ore., December 2, 2009** – The Oregon Clinic's Radiation Oncology division welcomes Marka Crittenden, M.D., PhD. Dr. Crittenden is the Translational Radiation Research Director for the Providence Cancer Center where she develops clinical research protocols that aim at translating promising preclinical studies into clinical trails with radiation therapy. Her special interest lies in translational research specifically combining immunotherapy with radiotherapy.

Dr. Crittenden received her medical degree from the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN in 2004. She completed her medicine internship at Providence Portland Hospital. Dr. Crittenden completed her residency at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Department of Radiation Medicine, where she served as Chief Resident of the Department of Radiation Medicine.

Originally from Portland, OR, Dr. Crittenden graduated from the University of Oregon in 1997 where she majored in Mathematics and Chemistry. She later completed her PhD in Immunology at the Mayo Graduate School. Dr. Crittenden is the author of numerous research articles and frequently presents research findings at medical conferences and assemblies. Dr. Crittenden is also the recipient of many honors including the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award from OHSU and the Howard Hughes Summer Fellowship Award.

Dr. Crittenden now lives in Portland with her husband and two daughters, and enjoys hiking and other outdoor activities.

"As a physician scientist, the patient is my primary focus whether I am in the clinic or in the laboratory. As a Radiation Oncologist, I focus on giving each patient the best care possible and as a scientist, I constantly ask how will this research make a difference in the lives of my patients."

**About The Oregon Clinic:**

The Oregon Clinic is one of the largest private specialty physician practices in Oregon with more than 120 physicians. An evidence-based, multidisciplinary organization, The Oregon Clinic provides the highest quality care using a team approach to address medical conditions in the areas of cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, pulmonology, urology, podiatry, otolaryngology, radiation and surgical oncology, cardiothoracic surgery, general and minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery, and diagnostic imaging. The Oregon Clinic is committed to provide the highest quality care, practice data-driven medicine, provide leadership for the healthcare community, and offer respectful, compassionate service. It was founded in 1994 with the merger of several clinical groups in Portland, offering specialty care from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Visit The Oregon Clinic Website at [www.oregonclinic.com](http://www.oregonclinic.com) or call (503) 935-8000 for more information.

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