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Superficial Radiotherapy is an extremely effective treatment approach in the management of skin cancer but one which is often overlooked. Dr Rex Hoffman, Medical Director of Radiation Oncology from the Providence Saint Josephs Medical Centre in Burbank, California decided to discuss its role in with his colleagues by hosting an evening symposium on the use of Radiation therapy in the management of Skin Cancer in Burbank, Los Angeles.

The event, sponsored by Gulmay Medical, allowed the opportunity to present the efficacy of Superficial X-ray therapy in the treatment of skin cancer using both clinical outcomes and case studies to highlight both the excellent control rates and cosmetic outcomes observed.

The audience was comprised of some prominent local dermatologists and plastic surgeons in Southern California. The make-up of this group allowed for a thorough, comprehensive discussion regarding management approaches in patients with basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, the pro's and con's of radiation therapy versus surgery and the role and rationale of treatment fractionation.

Dr Hoffman commented: *'The evening was a real success; the presentation generated a significant amount of discussion and was enjoyed by all'*.

At the end of the evening Dr. Hoffman was proud to announce that the new Radiation Oncology Department in the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Cancer Centre, which is set to open in early 2010, will house a new Gulmay superficial X-ray therapy machine to treat skin cancer.



Dr Hoffman presenting the excellent cosmetic outcomes observed following Radiation Therapy for skin cancer



Delegates enjoy the evening reception