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**Perry Johnson Appointed Director of Physics at  
UF Health Proton Therapy Institute in Jacksonville**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (June 21, 2021) – The [UF Health Proton Therapy Institute](#) has appointed Perry Johnson, Ph.D., as the Director of Physics. In this role, Dr. Johnson will manage a large team of medical physicists and staff, while being involved in strategic planning, building partnerships and cultivating new research initiatives.

"As a graduate of the University of Florida medical physics program, it has been tremendously rewarding to return to my alma mater where I have the opportunity to collaborate with former teachers and mentors while serving in a similar capacity for the next generation of students," said Dr. Johnson. "My primary goal as the director of physics is to create an atmosphere that fosters collaboration and teamwork."

Dr. Johnson most recently served as the Interim Director of Physics at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Florida. Dr. Johnson has published over 25 peer-reviewed articles and serves as a reviewer for several journals and conferences. One of his primary research interests is patient safety, serving on a number of institutional and national committees related to error prevention. He completed his B.S. in Nuclear and Radiological Engineering and an M.S. in Medical Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Later he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida where he specialized in Medical Physics.

"Dr. Johnson's commitment to patient safety, his dedication to research, and his passion for education are among his many strengths," said Stuart Klein, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute Executive Director. "We welcome him to our leadership team of skilled specialists known for leading the way in advancing proton therapy treatment and the field of radiation oncology."

**About UF Health Proton Therapy Institute**

UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization affiliated with the UF College of Medicine and the UF Health Cancer Center, a Florida Cancer Center of Excellence, dedicated to delivering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and setting new standards for treating and curing cancer. It is an accredited radiation oncology facility by the American College of Radiology. The cancer treatment facility houses both conventional radiation and proton therapy,

and delivers proton therapy to 100 patients a day. For more information about the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, please visit [www.floridaproton.org](http://www.floridaproton.org), or call 904.588.1800.

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