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The First British Patients Treated on NHS with Life Saving Radiosurgery CyberKnife Treatment

LONDON-OCTOBER 19, 2006 - Since February 2006 over 600 consultants across the UK have been informed of the advances which CyberKnife radiosurgery brings to patients.

CyberKnife is not yet available in the UK but now, under the E112 EU referral system, the first NHS patients are receiving treatment at The European CyberKnife Centre in Munich. In each case the referring Consultants confirmed that no treatment was available for these patients in the UK and that CyberKnife offered the only option for a return to health.

CyberKnife® radiosurgery is a high precision, pain-free, robot guided radiation treatment which in certain cases can be an alternative to invasive surgery. Multiple high energy beams are focussed on a target within the body where they become effective and destroy the tumour. One single beam cannot cause damage, but bundling of all beams in the target leads to destruction of the tumour tissue without harming the adjacent healthy tissue.

Some treatments offered by CyberKnife® are not otherwise available by radiotherapy. Other treatments may be conducted more quickly, more conveniently, or more economically with CyberKnife® than by alternative methods. In some cases a single CyberKnife® treatment may take the place of a four-week course of conventional radiotherapy.

CyberKnife® offers pain-free, outpatient "surgery", with no need for uncomfortable fixings to secure the patient in position, no anaesthesia and no surgical incisions. There is no inpatient hospital stay and no time is required for recovery or rehabilitation.

Doctors, hospital managers, specialist centres and national charities throughout the UK have been informed of this development and potential patients need to know of this opportunity.

Link for overview information:

<http://www.mediluxhealth.net/pages/mediluxcyberknife.htm>

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NOTES TO EDITOR: Pictures, interviews with patients and doctors and Steven Warren-Clinical Director. Technical information and overview.