



The inauguration ceremony. :: JOSELE-LANZA

## HC hospital invests 9.2 million euros in cutting-edge technology to fight cancer

The private hospital in Marbella that specialises in oncology treatments has increased another 1,400 metres to create new units

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**MARBELLA.** The HC Marbella hospital has added 1,400 square metres to the main building for new care units. The hospital, which specialises in oncology treatments, inaugurated the 9.2 million euro expansion on Wednesday, 10 April.

Among the new services with which the health centre's portfolio has been expanded are diagnostic imaging units, endovascular cardio and assisted reproduction and gynaecology, according to HC in a press release.

The new diagnostic imaging unit, which covers an area of 700 square metres, will now have PET (positron emission tomography), for which HC was a pioneer in the province. It will also have next-generation magnetic resonance, mammary tomosynthesis devices, CT scanners, ultrasounds and an advanced conventional radiology room.

Another investment made by the hospital is the purchase of a 3D mammography machine, which according to the HC hospital has great advantages for patients as it takes hundreds of images, and not just four, as is typical of a conventional mammography. With this technique, it is believed that 43 per cent more cases of invasive breast cancer will be detected.

With the installation of this new machinery, HC Marbella is now the private health centre with most advanced technology in Andalucía.

The heads of HC Marbella have since announced their intention to continue with this expansion process, offering cutting-edge cancer treatments, such as immunotherapy, which they have been using for years.

With this they can continue with their innovative studies into the genetic profile of tumours using special techniques, such as liquid biopsies, and with collaboration from international laboratories. This will allow "each patient's treatments to be personalised to them" according to the press release.

### More staff

To cope with this expansion, the hospital has increased its workforce by 15 people, including radiology technicians, nurses, auxiliary staff and project coordinators bringing the total to 160 workers including personnel and exterior medical specialists.

The hospital has also expanded its services in the cardiovascular and fertility units with more rooms for cardiac intervention procedures and a new operating theatre for the fertility unit.

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