A patient undergoes high-precision radiation therapy using IMRT at Blue Ridge HealthCare's Cancer Care Center at Valdese Hospital.

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A Patient's Perspective

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