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TELUS Ride For Dad starts engines in Oakville

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Participants of the Toronto West TELUS Ride For Dad will start their engines at Oakville's Galaxy Hall Saturday (June 4).

Motorcyclists will join in the fight against prostate cancer, the most commonlydiagnosed men's cancer in Canada, according to a media release.

Registration for the ride opens at 8 a.m. at the 475 North Service Rd. E. Galaxy Hall, followed by the 10 a.m. start.

"The TELUS Motorcycle Ride For Dad is asking the community to get involved, be committed and lend their support," stated the release.

"You don't need to be a motorcycle rider to help fight against prostate cancer —

non-riders can make a donation, raise their own pledges as a champion, or just come out to the event to cheer on the riders."

Funds raised from the ride supports prostate cancer awareness and research, including the SABR Prostate Trial, a co-sponsorship between the Ride For Dad and the Prostate Cure Foundation.

SABR, which stands for Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy, is a new radiotherapy treatment for men with favourable-risk prostate cancer.

It uses a high precision, image-guided technique to deliver higher doses per day.

Among its benefits, SABR spares healthy tissue surrounding the tumour and requires only five treatment sessions versus the standard 39-session radiotherapy protocol.

The new therapy is in the third phase of its clinical trial in Canada and is part of an international study.

Fourteen cancer centres across Canada are participating in the trial, including the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and Odette Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences in Toronto.

"Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed men's cancer. One in seven Canadian men will be diagnosed with this disease and twelve men will die from it today," Garry Janz, Ride For Dad's national president, said in the release.

"We urge everyone in our community to get involved in the fight against prostate cancer. By participating in the TELUS Ride For Dad, you'll be driving us closer to a cure."

The TELUS Ride For Dad has grown to include more than 44 communities in every Canadian province with more than 250,000 men, women and children raising more than \$18 million to fight prostate cancer.

To register for the ride or donate to the cause, visit www.RideForDad.ca.

