



Cancer center staff, such as Amber Ricketts, RN, are dedicated to quality and compassionate patient care.

Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center earns top accreditation

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons has granted its **Three-Year Approval With Commendation** award to the **Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center (LCRCC)** at St. John Medical Center.

The CoC is a group of professional medical organizations dedicated to reducing the effects of cancer through education, setting standards, and monitoring the quality of cancer care. Fewer than one in four U.S. hospitals has earned CoC approval.

“We are gratified that the CoC has again recognized the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center as one of the top cancer centers in the United States,” says LCRCC Director Barbara Hawkins. “Although

we serve a smaller community than some centers, we provide our patients with care that is equal to or better than facilities in much larger metropolitan areas. We’re very proud of our high-quality equipment, our wonderful facility, and our tremendous people. This CoC recognition confirms what we’ve known all along:

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that the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center is one of the gems in our community.”

Comprehensive services The LCRCC opened in 2002. Through St. John Medical Center, Peace-Health Medical Group, and **affiliated partners including Longview Surgical Group and Oregon Health & Sciences University**, the LCRCC offers the region’s most comprehensive cancer services, including:

- Digital mammography.
- Surgery.
- Chemotherapy.
- Radiation therapy, featuring the nation’s most advanced technology.
- A highly trained, knowledgeable staff—oncology nurses, social workers, librarians, and dietitians.
- Support services for patients, families, and friends.
- A tumor registry program that tracks ongoing patient data.

Approval is granted only to facilities that undergo a rigorous evaluation process. This further confirms that you and your family will receive the best cancer care close to home.