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Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center Named One of U.S. Best Commission on Cancer Grants “Approval With Commendation” to LCRCC

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

The CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to reducing the morbidity and mortality of cancer through education, setting standards, and monitoring the quality of cancer care. Less than one in four U.S. hospitals have 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, that the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center is one of the gems in our community.”

The CoC Approvals Program sets quality-of-care standards for cancer programs. CoC approval is granted only to facilities that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. For more information about the CoC, visit the website at www.facs.org/cancer/index.html.

The Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center opened in 2002. Through St. John Medical Center, PeaceHealth Medical Group, and affiliated partners including Longview Surgical Group and Oregon Health Sciences University, the Cancer Care Center at PeaceHealth offers the region's most comprehensive oncology (cancer) services, including:

- Medical oncology, surgical oncology, and chemotherapy.
- Mammography Clinic with mobile services.
- Stereotactic breast biopsy.
- Radiation oncology, featuring one of the nation’s most advanced linear accelerators.
- Tumor registry program for ongoing coordination of data for cancer patients.
- Social services for patients, families, and friends.

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