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Cancer Center Earns Reaccreditation with Commendation by American College of Surgeons

Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center has been granted a three-year accreditation with commendation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS).

The designation means that Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center "has dedicated itself to providing the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer," and that the program meets established national standards, according to the ACoS.

"Approval by ACoS is a measure of the quality of services the Cancer Center provides," says Lilli Mandelik, Chief Administrative Officer, Eisenhower Lucy Curci Cancer Center. "Additionally, to earn commendation by ACoS underscores the Cancer Center's commitment to offering exceptional patient care and recognizes the collaborative effort of our hardworking physicians, nurses and staff."

A facility receives a three-year accreditation with commendation following the on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor, during which the facility demonstrates compliance with numerous standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program (cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach and quality improvement).

The core functions of the Commission on Cancer include setting standards for quality, multidisciplinary cancer patient care; surveying facilities to evaluate compliance with the 36 CoC standards; collecting standardized and quality data from approved facilities; and using the data to develop effective educational interventions to improve cancer care outcomes at the national, state, and local level.

The Approvals Program, a component of the CoC, set quality-of-care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure they conform to those standards. Approval by the CoC is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality cancer care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. To maintain approval, facilities with CoC-approved cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

Receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer program ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
- A multispeciality, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Access to cancer-related information, education and support
- A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers lifelong patient follow up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care

And most importantly,
- Quality care close to home

For more information about the Commission on Cancer, visit their Web site at www.facs.org/cancer/index.html (.)
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