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Mercy Regional Cancer Center

PRESTIGIOUS COMMENDATION

Mercy's Regional Cancer Center has received a prestigious Three-Year Approval with Commendation from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS).

The Regional Cancer Center achieved this approval through a commitment to provide the highest level of cancer care and by passing a rigorous evaluation process.

"This commendation is a reflection of the commitment and investment we have made in the fight against cancer," says Tim Charles, President and CEO, Mercy Medical Center. "For over 50 years, Mercy has been the area's pioneer in detecting, diagnosing and treating cancers of all types. Mercy was one of the first treatment centers west of the Mississippi to offer cobalt-beam radiation treatment technology and the first in Iowa to have a TomoTherapy image-guided radiation system. Mercy has and continues to be committed to providing the clinical forum for multidisciplinary care by cancer experts that ensure the very best care for our patients. So we are very proud to receive this national recognition from the CoC."

James Renz, MD, General Surgeon at Physicians' Clinic of Iowa, P.C., and

Chairperson of Mercy Medical Center's Cancer Committee, says, "I am pleased that the American College of Surgeons has recognized Mercy Regional Cancer Center's excellence and awarded approval with commendation. This national recognition substantiates our belief that patients and their families can receive quality cancer care close to home. Studies have shown that a patient's recovery can be much improved when the care is provided close to family and friends."

Through an exclusive partnership with the American Cancer Society, the CoC provides the public with information on the resources, services and cancer treatment experience for each CoC-approved cancer program.

If you need information on cancer or have questions, call the Mercy Cancer Hopeline at 365-HOPE (4673) or 1-800-642-6329 and talk to one of our knowledgeable Nurse Educators. This service is free, and is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**James Renz, M.D.,
Surgical Specialist
at Physicians' Clinic of Iowa P.C.**

Receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer program ensures patients have access to:

- comprehensive care, including a range of state-of-the-art services and technology
- a multi-specialty, 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.