

# Johnson Memorial Hospital

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### **JOHNSON MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER EARNS 3-YEAR CANCER ACCREDITATION**

Stafford Springs, CT - The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) has granted a three-year accreditation with commendation to the Johnson Memorial Cancer Program.

The accreditation was approved after the Hospital's Oncology Program was evaluated by a process involving submission of detailed documentation of patient care services and an on-site survey by a representative of the Commission.

The JMMC Cancer Program received commendation in the following areas:

- Outcomes analysis
- Cancer Registry Abstracting timeframe
- National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) quality criteria
- College of American Pathologists (CAP) guidelines
- Prevention and early detection
- Cancer education for cancer registry staff

"We are extremely proud of this recognition of these achievements in providing comprehensive care for our cancer patients," states Jonathan Sporn, M.D., "The entire team at JMMC is committed to offering a wide spectrum of cancer services in a professional and caring environment."

"It has been journey of constant improvement, one that has taught us much about the outstanding programs and care we can create and offer here," states Maria Frassinelli Sierra, LCSW, Cancer Program Director. "We have worked to integrate patient care to anticipate the patients' needs." The recent affiliation of JMMC with Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center allows ready access for JMMC patients to services not previously available such as genetic counseling, a wide variety of clinical trials, and complex surgical procedures.

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Only 30 percent of cancer programs in the United States carry this quality designation.

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

- Comprehensive care, including a range of state-of-the art services and equipment
- A multispecialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- A cancer registry that collects data on type, stage of cancers and treatment results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up
- Quality care close to home.

#### **About the Commission on Cancer Accreditation Program**

Cancer patient data is reported by each CoC-accredited cancer program to the CoC's National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint CoC/American Cancer Society program. NCDB data is regularly used to monitor and improve the quality of patient care delivered in CoC-accredited cancer programs. 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-accredited cancer program.

#### **About JMMC**

Johnson Memorial Medical Center (JMMC) is the non-profit parent company of Johnson Memorial Hospital; Evergreen Health Care Center, which offers long-term care, short-term rehabilitation and recovery, and care for those with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia; and Home & Community Health Services, a home health care and hospice agency. JMMC provides a continuum of health care services to those living and working in north central Connecticut and western Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.jmmc.com](http://www.jmmc.com).

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