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THE ELLIOT REGIONAL CANCER CENTER RECEIVES “THREE-YEAR APPROVAL WITH COMMENDATION” FROM THE COMMISSION ON CANCER (CoC) OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Manchester, NH – The Elliot Regional Cancer Center recently underwent a survey by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons resulting in an approval award of “Three Year with Commendation.” What this means for cancer patients treated at Elliot is that, “they are being given comprehensive, multi-specialty quality care that is close to home,” explained Doug Dean, President & CEO. “The survey process is rigorous and we are so proud of our providers and the staff of the Elliot Regional Cancer Center who have proven Elliot’s leadership and exceptional care in the cancer arena.”

A facility receives a Three-Year Approval with Commendation following an on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrates a Commendation level of compliance with one or more standards that represents the full scope of the cancer program (cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach, and quality improvement). In addition, a facility receives a compliance rating for all other standards.

The Commission on cancer explains that, “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 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.”

The Elliot Hospital was a pioneer in oncology when it opened the first cancer center in New Hampshire in 1966. Today, the Elliot Regional Cancer Center remains a leader in cancer care through state-of-the-art technology, skilled healthcare providers, and an accessible, aesthetically pleasing, comforting environment. Technology, including Stereotactic Radio Surgery and Stereotactic Radio Body Therapy now allows Elliot to treat tumors in the brain and body that were previously inoperable.

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