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**Cancer Program at Longmont United Hospital receives
Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation**

(Longmont, CO.) The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) has granted a **Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation** to the Cancer Program at Longmont United Hospital.

The Cancer Program at Longmont United Hospital received this Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation after an onsite evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrated a Commendation level of compliance with one or more 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 accreditation program, a component of the CoC, sets quality of care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure they conform to those standards. Accreditation 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 accreditation, facilities with CoC-accredited cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

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
- Multispecialty, 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 collect data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers a life long patient follow-up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- And, most importantly, quality care close to home.

About the Commission on Cancer (CoC)

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving the survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research education, and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 42 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer.

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