

St. Joseph's Comprehensive Cancer Receives Accreditation from the Commission on Cancer

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) has granted a three-year approval with commendation to the Comprehensive Cancer Center at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. St. Joseph's received CoC approval for its commendable level of compliance with one or more standards that represent the full scope of the hospital's cancer program.

Receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer center guarantees a patient will have access to comprehensive care, the best treatment options, information about ongoing clinical trials, access to cancer-related information, a cancer registry and continual improvement of care.

"CoC approval is indispensable to St. Joseph's and the community because it ensures our Cancer Center meets the same high standards set for teaching hospitals throughout the United States," says Mary Schneider, director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at St. Joseph's. "Our mission is to provide excellence in cancer care to our oncology patients."

Approval by the CoC is given to 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.