

CANCER CENTER ACCREDITED BY COMMISSION ON CANCER OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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UW Cancer Center Riverview has been granted a ***Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation*** from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

A facility receives a ***Three-Year Accreditation with Commendation*** following an onsite evaluation during which the facility demonstrates 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). In addition, a facility receives a compliance rating for all other standards.

There are approximately 1,400 Commission on Cancer Accredited cancer programs in the United States and Puerto Rico, representing about 25 percent of all hospitals. Accreditation by the Commission on Cancer is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality care and that undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance. To maintain Accreditation, facilities must undergo an onsite review every three years.

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the Commission on Cancer 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. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 42 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

The core functions of the Commission on Cancer include setting standards for quality, multidisciplinary cancer patient care, surveying facilities to evaluate compliance with the 36 Commission on Cancer standards, collecting standardized and quality data from accredited

facilities, and using the data to develop effective educational interventions to improve cancer care outcomes at the national, state and local level.

Located in Wisconsin Rapids, UW Cancer Center Riverview is an affiliate of the University of Wisconsin Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison. The Center offers world-class cancer care in a beautiful, comforting setting that's close to home. For more information about UW Cancer Center Riverview, please call (715) 421-7442 or visit www.rhacancercenter.org.