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**PMMC CANCER CENTER EARNS THREE YEAR ACCREDITATION WITH  
COMMENDATION FROM COMMISSION ON CANCER**

Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center (PMRCC) has earned a three year accreditation with commendation from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS). To earn this distinction a facility must pass an on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor during which the facility demonstrates a Commendation level of compliance with all of the required standards that represent the full scope of the cancer program. These include 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 Approvals 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. Approval 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 approval, facilities with CoC-approved cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

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 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 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.

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Pottstown Memorial Regional Cancer Center is a Fox Chase Cancer Center Partner, and provides the latest in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment to the community. Physicians include: Wei Song, MD, Co-Medical Director; Ronald Swaab, MD, Co-Medical Director; Jeffrey Stevens, DO; Michael Lambo, MD, Medical Director, Radiation Oncology; and Suman Tiwari, MD.

PMRCC is part of Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, a 227-bed acute-care community hospital providing a full range of inpatient and outpatient health services to residents of Berks, Chester, and Montgomery counties.

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