



## Scottsdale Healthcare earns top cancer accreditation

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### *Accreditation with Commendation granted by Commission on Cancer*

SCOTTSDALE – The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted Accreditation with Commendation to the cancer program at Scottsdale Healthcare.

Included in the accreditation are the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center and Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center.

Accreditation with Commendation is awarded to top cancer programs demonstrating the highest levels of cancer clinical services, research, community outreach, quality improvement, leadership and data management, according to the Chicago-based Commission on Cancer.

“As a community-based nonprofit cancer program, Accreditation with Commendation means that our friends, families and neighbors can look to Scottsdale Healthcare for the best in cancer care close to home,” said Lindsay Thomas, RN, oncology services director. “Thousands of patients have sought hope and healing here knowing that we are doing everything in our power to defeat cancer with our leading physicians, latest technology and compassionate staff.”

Scottsdale Healthcare’s cancer program accreditation with commendation by the Commission on Cancer ensures that patients with cancer will have access to:

- Comprehensive care including state-of-the-art services and equipment;
- A multispecialty team approach to coordinate the best treatment options;
- Information and access to ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options;
- Access to cancer related information, education and support;
- A cancer registry that collects data on cancer, treatment and results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up;
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care; and most importantly,
- Quality care closer to home.

Free resources are available from Scottsdale Healthcare for anyone with questions about cancer, including general information and referrals from Cancer Care Coordinators (480-323-1255 or [ccc@shc.org](mailto:ccc@shc.org)), literature from the cancer resource center and research coordinators for information about clinical trials (480-323-1339 or [clinicaltrials@shc.org](mailto:clinicaltrials@shc.org)).

The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare opened in 2001 at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center as the first major cancer center in greater Phoenix to offer comprehensive cancer research, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and support services in a single location.

Attracting patients from across Arizona and the U.S., groundbreaking clinical trials of new therapies are administered through the Scottsdale Healthcare Research Institute in collaboration with leading universities and the Translational Genomics Research Institute.

Inpatient oncology units, radiation therapy and infusion facilities for chemotherapy are longstanding services provided at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center and Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center, which also offers Novalis Shaped Beam Therapy for treating tumors. Nearby physician offices for community oncologists mean that services at both hospitals are easily accessed by patients with cancer.

The three-year accreditation follows an on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor from the Commission on Cancer.

To learn more about cancer services at Scottsdale Healthcare, click [here](#). To view videos about Scottsdale Healthcare including cancer survivors and the Scottsdale Healthcare Research Institute, click [here](#).