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**University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center at Salem Regional Medical Center  
Earns National Accreditation for Cancer Care**

(SALEM, OHIO) – July 22, 2021 – The University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center (UHSCC) at Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) has received national recognition by the Commission on Cancer for its world-class cancer services.

The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has granted three-year accreditation to the UHSCC program at SRMC. This accreditation is given only to those facilities that demonstrate continued excellence in diagnosing, treating and supporting patients with cancer and their families.

“We know that the best chance to beat cancer starts with having access to world-class cancer services, from advanced diagnostics to the latest cancer-fighting technologies and therapies,” said Dr. Anita Hackstedde, SRMC President/CEO. “This prestigious national recognition ensures that our patients will receive comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care from teams of specialists, who work together to develop personalized treatment plans that follow national guidelines.”

The CoC is a program dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for people with cancer. The program provides the framework for cancer centers to enhance their quality of care through a full spectrum of cancer-related programs, including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, lifelong follow-up for recurrent disease and, when needed, end-of-life care.

Accredited facilities also provide patients with access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, psycho-social support, patient navigation and a survivorship care plan that seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life.

In order to earn the voluntary accreditation, the cancer program at SRMC met 34 national quality care standards following a rigorous evaluation process and performance review. With the designation, the UHSCC at SRMC joins a distinguished group of just over 1,500 CoC accredited facilities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

“As a leader in cancer care, our goal is to provide those facing the cancer journey with the advanced services and support they need to fight their disease, close to home,” Dr. Hackstedde added. “Achieving accreditation is a significant accomplishment that reflects this commitment and the expertise of our physicians and staff, who deliver excellence in cancer care for our patients every day.”

**About the UHSCC at SRMC**

Salem Regional Medical Center is transforming cancer care in the region through a strategic partnership with the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center that offers renewed hope in the fight against cancer. Local medical and radiation oncologists, specialty physicians and 14

multi-disciplinary teams of experts at UHSCC's main campus work together to develop patient treatment plans based on nationally-recognized guidelines.

The UHSCC at SRMC's advanced services include:

- **Medical Oncology:** Provided by Ayla Kessler, M.D., Medical Director, in SRMC's Cancer & Infusion Center.
- **Radiation Oncology:** William Demas, M.D., and Michael Seider, M.D., provide radiation therapy in SRMC's Salem Medical Arts Building, using the innovative Varian Vitalbeam™.
- **Surgical Treatment of Breast Cancer:** Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon Linda Camp, M.D., FACS, performs surgery for the treatment of breast cancer and breast reconstruction.

To learn more, visit <http://www.salemregional.com/outpatient-care/cancercare>.