



Updates from the Team

March-April 2020

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR RECTAL CANCER UPDATE

For the past year, Valley Health's Cancer Center has been voluntarily embarking on the opportunity to add another national accreditation (NAPRC) to our cancer program. This national accreditation process required a rigorous evaluation and review of the program's performance and compliance with NAPRC standards for one year. The final step in the process will culminate in a surveyor's site visit this spring. Last year at this time, eight programs across the country were accredited; today there are only 15.

The NAPRC was formed to focus on the differences in patient outcomes in the United States versus Europe. Improving the quality of rectal cancer care through standardization and utilizing a multidisciplinary approach to increase the quality of life for patients was the purpose in bringing forth this new accreditation program by the Commission on Cancer®.

The Valley Health Cancer Center program is currently accredited by the Commission on Cancer and the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers®, quality programs of the American College of Surgeons.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM AFFILIATION

The Valley Health Cancer Center has signed an affiliation agreement with the VCU Massey Cancer Center and its National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). This will provide the opportunity to enroll patients locally in NCI-sponsored trials, opening up more choices for Valley Health's cancer patients.

The NCORP is a national network bringing cancer clinical trials to people in their own communities. "Expanding research beyond the academic environment allows access to a larger and more diverse patient population treated in a variety of healthcare delivery settings which can accelerate accrual to cancer clinical trials," notes the network's website.*

*Source: <https://ncorp.cancer.gov/about/>

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VALLEY HEALTH ONCOLOGY SYMPOSIUM 2020 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Delivering the Best Cancer Care from Diagnosis to Survivorship

Friday, September 25, 2020 – Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, VA