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## **Capital Medical Center Joins Seattle Cancer Alliance Network**

Olympia, WA – Capital Medical Center in Olympia has become the fourth community hospital in Washington to join the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance Network. The network provides a structured program for supporting community-based oncology services such as continuing medical education, access to clinical trials for local patients through qualified community researchers and patient management collaboration.

“The alliance’s program to affiliate with community-based oncology programs recognizes the value in developing partnerships with local physicians to ultimately benefit patient care,” said Benjamin Greer, M.D., the network’s medical director who leads the gynecological oncology program at the SCCA. “The SCCA is dedicated to enhancing the standard of cancer care regionally and beyond, and is working to do this efficiently through the SCCA network of affiliate hospitals.”

Among others, the agreement with Capital Medical Center means that the SCCA will work collaboratively with community providers to ensure the availability of state of the art oncology services in an efficient and effective setting; support the development of community cancer treatment programs; support continuing medical education training for oncology physicians, nurses and other allied health professionals in the community; and promote availability of research data to support SCCA clinical cancer research.

“We are delighted and honored to be selected as a hospital member of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance Network,” said Rick Carter, chief executive officer of Capital Medical Center. “Being part of the SCCA will allow our patients

access to so many more advanced treatment therapies than otherwise would be available without having to travel to Seattle.” The other hospital members of the SCCA Network are Clinic Cancer Care, Great Falls, Montana; Olympic Medical Center, Port Angeles; Skagit Valley Hospital, Mount Vernon; and Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, Wenatchee.

### **About Seattle Cancer Care Alliance**

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, established in 1998, unites the adult and pediatric cancer-care services of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, UW Medicine and Children’s Hospital and Regional Medical Center. A major focus of SCCA is to speed the transfer of new diagnostic and treatment techniques from the research setting to the patient bedside while providing premier, patient-focused cancer care. Patients who come to SCCA receive the latest research-based cancer therapies as well as cutting-edge treatments for a number of non-malignant diseases under development by its partner organizations. SCCA has three clinical-care sites: an outpatient clinic on the Fred Hutchinson campus, a pediatric-inpatient unit at Children’s and an adult-inpatient unit at UW Medical Center. For more information about SCCA, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.seattlecca.org" www.seattlecca.org](http://www.seattlecca.org).