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**LOCAL CANCER CENTER AND OHSU DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION MEDICINE COLLABORATE  
ON PROCESS TO CONTINUALLY ENHANCE THE CARE OF PATIENTS**

Community Cancer Center's affiliation with the Oregon Health and Science University Department of Radiation Medicine continues to provide benefits to current and future cancer patients throughout the region.

In January, a Professional Service Agreement was signed to enable Oregon's only academic health center to provide all radiation oncology physician services for the Community Cancer Center. That relationship has expanded CCC's expertise and services in many ways, including the recent establishment of a local tumor board, a group of physicians who will meet regularly to review individual patient diagnoses and plan the most effective approaches to their care.

The tumor board, is composed of physicians that include pathologists, radiologists, surgeons and medical and radiation oncologists. Other specialists, such as gynecologists and urologists, may also be asked to participate when appropriate.

"Tumor board is a multidisciplinary approach that gives patients access to a diverse team of cancer specialists to collaboratively review their treatment options and recommend the most optimal treatment plan," said Tammy Turner, executive director of the Community Cancer Center.

When a patient's case is presented at tumor board, the specialists discuss all possible approaches to care and collaborate on a plan that best fits the patient's diagnosis and individual needs. This approach ensures each patient benefits from the perspectives and expertise of physicians with experience in the care of cancer patients.

The tumor board, which had its first meeting earlier this month, will meet regularly to review patient cases, said Dr. Jerry Jaboin, executive vice chairman of the OHSU Department of Radiation Medicine.

Dr. Jaboin, who attended the tumor board's first meeting, said, "It was very rewarding watching Dr. Randy Moore (CCC's medical director), Dr. Nima Nabavizadeh (OHSU radiation oncologist), Dr. Tim Gladding (local pathologist), and medical oncology work together to craft a precise

treatment based on the individual needs and characteristics of the patient whose case they were reviewing. And, of course, it is especially beneficial to the patient to then be able to receive the prescribed care here in their own community.”

### **About CCC**

The Community Cancer Center is a non-profit, 501c3, incorporated in 1979. The corporation is named Community Cancer Foundation doing business as the Community Cancer Center (CCC).

The foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. Our mission is to assist, encourage, promote and advance the best care, treatments and rehabilitation of persons afflicted with cancer or related medical conditions.