

January 10, 2020**News Release**Karen Martsof, MA
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(970) 778-1249 (c)**Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology Earns Highest Score in Coveted National Accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)**

Mesa County, CO - The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), a quality program focused on measurement, transparency and accountability to highlight top performers and drive improvement, has granted the highest level accreditation to Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology (GVO).

Last year GVO obtained the basic level of Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) accreditation and has gone on to achieve the highest level for the PCMH by earning the Patient Centered Specialty Practice (PCSP) accreditation. GVO is now the only cancer center in Colorado and one of just 31 cancer centers in the United States to achieve this accreditation level. For all specialties in health care, only 517 practices have achieved this highest level accreditation. The Patient Centered Specialty Practice designation is highly coveted and underscores Community Hospital's commitment to providing the highest quality health care possible to patients in western Colorado and eastern Utah.

The PCSP recognition program builds on the success of the Patient Centered Medical Home recognition program by recognizing specialty practices that excel in delivering high quality, patient-centered care. It focuses on proactive coordination and information sharing. Everyone in the practice works as a team to coordinate care with primary care providers, other referring clinicians, community resources and secondary services.

"When Community Hospital's Grand Valley Oncology opened in 2014, we knew we wanted to be the premier cancer center on the Western Slope," said JoAnne Virgilio, DO, Medical Oncologist and Medical Director at Grand Valley Oncology. "For this incredible achievement to occur in just five short years is a tremendous honor and is extremely humbling. This rare and prestigious designation encompasses the culmination of years of hard work and commitment to providing the highest quality cancer care possible and we are extremely proud of this recognition," added Dr. Virgilio.

"We could not be more proud of the staff and physicians at Grand Valley Oncology," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "To say they have worked tirelessly to earn this designation is an understatement. Quality and patient safety are paramount in the work we do and this level of accreditation in oncology is what patients deserve," added Thomas.

For more information about Community Hospital's comprehensive medical and radiation oncology program, please call 970-644-3180 or visit www.GrandValleyOncology.com. To learn more about NCQA, please visit www.ncqa.org.

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