

## Banner Year for York Hospital Oncology Care

(York, Maine) 2008 was a year of achievement and award for York Hospital Oncology Care. A three year design process geared toward the creation of a high quality cancer program, culminated in dual honors to the group. The Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) recently announced York Hospital joined a select group of only 25% of all hospitals in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, in having an ACoS certified oncology program. The necessary qualities include: **Cancer Committee Leadership, Cancer Data Management, Clinical Services, Research, Community Outreach and Quality Improvement.** This exclusive faction of programs treats and diagnoses 80% of all newly diagnosed cancer patients in the U.S. each year. A patient receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer program ensures that s/he will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment
- A multi-specialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- Latest information about on-going clinical trials and new treatment options
- Access to cancer-related information education and support
- A cancer registry that collect data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers, along with lifelong patient follow-up
- On-going monitoring and improvement of care
- Quality care, close to home

In addition to its induction into this select group, York Hospital's Oncology Care program was also honored with the Commission's **2008 CoC Outstanding Achievement Award.** The award, created in 2004, is designed to recognize cancer programs that strive for excellence in providing quality care to its cancer patients. Only five other hospitals in all of New England were honored with this distinction. In the company of such well-regarded institutions as Johns Hopkins, and following the on-site evaluation by a physician surveyor, our team and facility demonstrated a commendation level of compliance with the aforementioned seven standards of cancer program activity.

Oncologist, Jonathan Eneman, MD, who spearheaded the multi-year endeavor, comments, "We are all very proud of our efforts in providing high quality care to folks in York County who have cancer. We always knew we did – now we have the ACoS and the CoC confirming it!"

For more information regarding the services provided by York Hospital Oncology Care, call 207-351-3777.