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The Medical Center Maintains Cancer Accreditation

On May 18, The Medical Center completed its triennial cancer accreditation survey by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Following the daylong survey and review of its documentation of compliance, The Medical Center received a three-year accreditation (with contingency) and six commendations.

The six areas of commendation included: publishing an annual report for outcomes analysis; meeting quality criteria on initial submission of data to the National Cancer Database; achieving 100% compliance with CAP (College of American Pathologists) protocols; providing three or more prevention and early detection programs; offering cancer education for cancer registry staff; and, implementing more than two improvements that directly affect cancer patient care. The contingency was related to the timeframe for abstracting data. Cancer Registry staff has addressed this issue and will resubmit documentation of compliance.

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New Hospitalist Joins The Medical Center



Randall Slimak, M.D.

Randall Slimak, M.D. has joined Internal Medicine Associates, the physician practice that provides Hospitalist services at The Medical Center. Dr. Slimak earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Penn. in 1984. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Before locating to Bowling Green, he had a private practice and was a staff physician at Saint Joseph's Hospital and Arnot Odgen Hospital in Elmira, New York.

Dr. Slimak joins Samuel Hardcastle, M.D., Suneel Boyareddygar, M.D., Indraneel Mogarala, M.D., Vamsi Rokkam, M.D. and Andy Turner, M.D.

The Medical Center's program is a voluntary program and offers physicians various levels of participation. To learn how the Hospitalist program can help you, call Internal Medicine Associates at (270) 796-6540.

Physician Referral Program Addresses Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity has become a major problem in the United States, increasing a child's risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, respiratory ailments, orthopaedic problems, low self-esteem and depression.

The Medical Center Health & Wellness Center in Greenwood Mall has begun working in conjunction with local pediatricians to combat childhood obesity. The Overweight Children Physician Referral Program enables physicians to identify children who need assistance with weight management through exercise and healthy nutrition. Physicians can refer these children to the Center for the following services:

- **Nutritional Counseling** - Children who are prescribed Nutritional Counseling and their parents meet with a registered dietitian one-on-one. The dietitian provides a healthy, well-balanced eating plan for the child and ongoing support.
- **Walking Program** - Children walk on set days and times at the Greenwood Mall and are also encouraged to walk at other times at local parks or in their neighborhood. They log their miles and receive monthly incentives, such as bowling and movie passes. Annually, all participants are entered into a drawing for a bike.
- **The Medical Center Healthy Kids Club** - This membership program supports children making healthy choices by promoting physical activity, healthy eating, safety and wellness. Children ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles through programs and activities.

If you have a pediatric patient who could benefit from this program, call The Medical Center Health & Wellness Center at (270) 745-0942 or 1-877-800-3824 to learn more.