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CCH Works with Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. to Provide Cutting-Edge Cancer Treatments

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital is committed to providing comprehensive cancer services. That’s why it works with Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C., a hematology and medical oncology clinic, to bring the latest cancer treatments and therapies to Columbus.

“Having cancer is hard. When you hear that diagnosis, your heart just sinks,” said Carol Murtaugh, administrator of Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. “So, to be able to tell people that they can stay right in their own community and get the latest and the most comprehensive therapies right there is a big advantage on their journey to get well.”

Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. serves patients in the Omaha metro, as well as rural Nebraska and Iowa. It’s been providing services in Columbus for more than 35 years. The Columbus location offers the services of Samer Renno, MD; Inaganti Shah, MD and Shelley Reichmuth, PA-C; as well as a highly skilled nursing team.

“I derive an extreme amount of professional satisfaction providing care to patients in Columbus,” said Dr. Shah. “It allows patients to stay close to home and receive state-of-the-art care.”

This state-of-the art care includes therapies that have been recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including immunotherapy and targeted therapies. Columbus and area residents who receive care at Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. are some of the first to receive these therapies that are administered in cancer care centers in Omaha and other larger communities.

“Hematology Oncology Consultants, P.C., in close collaboration with the Columbus Community Hospital, has provided care to patients in the Columbus area and surrounding towns for many years,” said Dr. Renno. “All the latest outpatient hematology and oncology treatments in the form of oral and infusional therapeutics are administered in clinic, closer to home.”



In addition to these treatments, Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. patients in Columbus also benefit from CCH's oncology patient navigation program. In this program, oncology nurse navigators and an oncology social worker guide patients through the entire process of their cancer treatment.

Patient navigation programs like these have been shown to improve patients' timely access to medical treatment, as well their understanding of the health care system. When CCH created its program, it consulted with Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C. to develop one that would best fit the needs of area patients.

"We worked very closely to get that to happen and we were all so excited," said Murtaugh. "It's just been a really great addition for our patients and that's the most important thing. Our staff and their staff, we all just work seamlessly together."

Murtaugh said the key to the successful relationship between Hematology & Oncology Consultants P.C. and CCH is that both organizations are focused on the same thing – the patients.

"We work very closely with the hospital and we have a great relationship with them and I think the reason is because it is all patient-focused," she said. "We all work together to get patients what they need and that's why we're so appreciative of the relationship with the hospital."

Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C.'s Columbus location is in the Healthpark Medical Office Building at 4508 38th Street, Suite 120. It is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments with the providers are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and a few Wednesdays each month.

For more information on Hematology & Oncology Consultants, P.C., visit <http://hoccancer.com>. To learn more about CCH's comprehensive cancer services, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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