



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***JFK Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Recognized for Cancer Excellence***

#### ***Cancer Programs Receive Approval from the Commission on Cancer***

**Edison, NJ**—Both JFK Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center’s cancer programs have received the highest level of approval for its comprehensive and excellent cancer care for the community by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) by receiving a Three-Year with Commendation approval.

This approval is awarded to a program that complies with all standards set forth by the Commission and receives a commendation rating for one or more of the eligible standards.

“This approval shows our hospitals’ dedication and commitment to providing quality care and superior treatment for our patients,” states John P. McGee, President & Chief Executive Officer of Solaris Health System, parent company of JFK and Muhlenberg.

JFK has been approved as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer program while Muhlenberg has received approval as a Community Hospital Cancer Program. Both facilities use cutting edge technology in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

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“Our team recognizes that cancer affects not only the patient, but families, friends and the community at large,” states Jean Withers, Director of the Oncology Service Line for Solaris Health System. “Our cancer programs reach far beyond treating just the cancer itself. We include community education programs and screenings, psychosocial support, rehabilitation, hospice and support groups for patients and family members, in addition to the best cancer treatment available.”

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that more than 1.4 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2007, over 49,000 of which will be in NJ alone. As an approved cancer program by the CoC, central NJ has a local resource to access to the best cancer care available.

The CoC-approved cancer programs at JFK and Muhlenberg ensures that a patient 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
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Access to cancer-related information, education and support
- A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results and offers lifelong patient follow-up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- **Quality care close to home.**

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JFK Medical Center is an affiliate of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick. Both JFK Medical Center and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

For more information on the cancer programs available at JFK and Muhlenberg, please use the following:

- JFK Medical Center: (732) 321-7740 or visit [www.jfkmc.org](http://www.jfkmc.org)
- Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center: (908) 668-2694 or visit [www.muhlenbergmrc.org](http://www.muhlenbergmrc.org).

For more information about the Commission on Cancer, please visit [www.facs.org/cancer/index.html](http://www.facs.org/cancer/index.html)(.).

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