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## **MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST TO DISCUSS CANCER AT BOTHWELL'S DOCTOR IS IN PROGRAM** *Sessions to be held in Sedalia and Warsaw*

Biologics, monoclonal antibodies, tumor markers, linear accelerator, incidence rates and survival rates: The world of cancer treatment can be confusing.

Dr. Matt Triplett, a medical oncologist at Bothwell Regional Health Center, will help clear up that confusion when he discusses trends in cancer diagnosis and treatment during the next The Doctor Is In program "What You Should Know About Cancer."

The cancer education sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, at Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake, 1765 Commercial Street in Warsaw, and at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, at the Bothwell Education Center, 14<sup>th</sup> and Ingram in Sedalia.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about common concerns and treatment options for cancer.

"While the death rate of cancer has been trending downward, the incidence of cancer has remained relatively steady over the past 10 to 15 years," said Dr. Triplett, who uses chemotherapy and medications to treat cancer at Bothwell's Susan O'Brien Fischer Cancer Center. "We're seeing promising new trends that are helping prolong the lives of cancer patients, and we're using those methods here in Sedalia."

According to statistics from the National Cancer Institute, the probability of a man developing cancer over his lifetime is one in two. The lifetime probability for a woman is one in three. Of the 1.66 million new cases of cancer expected to be diagnosed this year, 29 percent are expected to be breast cancer in women, and



27 percent are forecast to be prostate cancer in men. The second highest diagnosis for both genders is expected to be lung/bronchial cancer.

Dr. Triplett earned his medical degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and completed a hematology oncology fellowship at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center in Columbia. He also is an adjunct clinical assistant professor in the Division of Hematology & Medical Oncology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

Bothwell sponsors The Doctor Is In to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about health issues. Both events are free and open to the public.

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