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## **BOTHWELL EARNS DESIGNATION AS CENTER OF ONCOLOGY NURSING EXCELLENCE**

SEDALIA – The Cancer Center at Bothwell Regional Health Center has been recognized by the Oncology Nursing Society as a Center of Oncology Nursing Excellence.

The Oncology Nursing Society awards this designation to cancer treatment centers when more than 50 percent of the registered nurses in the program have earned oncology nursing certification. At Bothwell Regional Cancer Center, 100 percent of the registered nurses have achieved oncology certification. Nationwide, only 10 percent of all oncology programs – both hospital-based and free-standing treatment centers -- achieve this goal.

“Our designation as a Center of Oncology Nursing Excellence is independent verification for our patients and their families that they can have the utmost confidence in our cancer treatment services,” said Bothwell’s Chief Executive Officer John Dawes. “The nurses who provide patient care in our Cancer Center have taken extra steps in their training to learn more about best practices in oncology treatment. It’s evidence of their commitment to provide our patients with the highest quality of care.”

In achieving certification, Bothwell’s oncology nurses have met stringent requirements for knowledge and experience and are qualified to provide competent oncology care to patients experiencing the complex problems associated with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Bothwell Regional Cancer Center provides chemotherapy and radiation treatments, including intensity-modulated radiation therapy, which offers pinpoint accuracy. The center also offers digital mammography, nutrition and dietary services, cancer support groups, lymphedema management, a cancer registry, as well as home care and hospice.

The Oncology Nursing Society is a professional organization of more than 37,000 registered nurses and other health-care providers dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing. It's also the largest professional oncology association in the world.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org).