



## Dr. Jarrod Kaufman named cancer liaison physician



**Jarrold Kaufman, M.D.**

Following the prestigious accreditation of its radiation oncology program, Kimball Medical Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Jarrod Kaufman, M.D., as cancer liaison physician for Kimball Medical Center's Regional Cancer Center. His three-year appointment fulfills an integral role in the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) Commission on Cancer (CoC). Only approximately 25 percent of all programs receive this designation following a rigorous, volunteer survey of their oncology department.

"I am honored to serve in this expanded capacity and look forward to furthering the mission of our oncology program," said Dr. Kaufman.

In his role as liaison, Dr. Kaufman will serve as a conduit between the Commission on Cancer and KMC's Regional Cancer Center. As an extension of direct patient care responsibilities, he will share his expertise as well as his overriding compassion, providing leadership and support.

"I am extremely proud to represent our program and look forward to making further enhancements. The American College of Surgeons has distinguished our program among others nationwide as one which upholds and encourages the highest standards of cancer care."

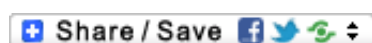
As a consortium, the Commission on Cancer works to reduce cancer morbidity rates through education, standard-setting, and monitoring quality of cancer care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 39 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

The commission's core functions include setting standards for quality, multidisciplinary cancer patient care and cancer patient data collection at more than 1,400 approved facilities, surveying those facilities to evaluate compliance with the standards, and using the data to evaluate hospital provider performance and develop effective educational interventions to improve cancer care outcomes at the national, state and local level. Fewer than 25 percent of the hospitals in the United States have cancer programs approved by the Commission on Cancer and 80 percent of newly diagnosed cancer patients are treated in these institutions. Kimball's entry into this elite group is a distinction that has been earned through dedication to commitment, care and service within the cancer program.

A key activity of this role involves the submission, presentation and interpretation of reports in conjunction with the National Cancer Data Base which maintains patient demographics, tumor characteristics, treatment and outcomes information for more than 15 million malignant cancers diagnosed and treated at hospital cancer programs throughout the United States.

In an effort to assist Americans diagnosed with cancer each year, Cancer Liaison Physicians at CoC-approved programs facilitate participation in the Commission's Facility Information Profile System (FIPS). FIPS is a data-sharing project between the CoC and the American Cancer Society, which provides the public with information on facilities' resources, services and cancer experience. These data are shared with the public through the ACS National Call Center the Web site.

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