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**Honored for Excellence, Quincy Medical Center's Cancer Program Receives  
Unconditional Approval from the American College of Surgeons'  
Commission on Cancer**

**Quincy, MA, September 26, 2006** - - For patients with cancer and their families, there is good news about access to quality cancer care services and advanced treatment programs in their community. Quincy Medical Center (QMC) has received an unconditional three-year approval as a Community Hospital Cancer Program from the American College of Surgeons' (ACoS) Commission on Cancer (COC).

Following a daylong survey last spring, QMC received the highest possible quality rating with no deficiencies, a distinction shared by less than half of all COC-approved programs. In addition, QMC received eight commendations for areas of excellence that exceeded the COC's stringent accreditation standards.

"Quincy Medical Center's oncologists and surgeons have dedicated their lives to providing patients with the best possible cancer care in the community," said Gary Gibbons, MD, FACS, Quincy Medical Center President and CEO. "This recent top accreditation from the American College of Surgeons acknowledges the high quality, multidisciplinary cancer care services performed each day at Quincy Medical Center."

QMC's Cancer Program offers compassionate care and state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment services in the community for individuals with all types of cancer. The highly trained QMC staff — which includes medical and surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, clinical nurses, clinical dietitians, social workers and rehabilitation specialists — work closely with patients and their families to provide expert care through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment physical therapy.

Quincy Medical Center is a 234-bed acute care community-teaching hospital providing South Shore residents with comprehensive medical and surgical services. The medical center's *Alliance for Quality* with Boston Medical Center (BMC), formed in 1999, brings academic medicine to the community. At Quincy Medical Center, physicians from Boston Medical Center direct the departments of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, anesthesia and emergency medicine. Additionally, physicians from BMC who are board-certified in a range of medical and surgical specialties work with community physicians to ensure the continuity of patient care.

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