



### **Colquitt Regional Health System's Edwards Cancer Center Achieves National Accreditation from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer**

**Moultrie, GA** — Colquitt Regional Health System is proud to announce that the Edwards Cancer Center has earned national accreditation from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Commission on Cancer. This recognition affirms the center's commitment to delivering high-quality, evidence-based cancer care and ensures that patients can access nationally aligned standards of treatment close to home

Commission on Cancer accreditation is awarded to cancer programs that meet or exceed rigorous standards across the full continuum of care—from prevention and early detection to treatment, survivorship, and long-term follow-up. As part of this rigorous review, the Edwards Cancer Center demonstrated full compliance with all accreditation requirements.

"This accreditation represents years of hard work and dedication from our oncology team," said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. "Our mission has always been to ensure that patients in our community receive the same level of cancer care they would expect at larger centers across the country—without having to leave Southwest Georgia."

As a designated community cancer center, the Edwards Cancer Center now joins approximately 1,500 Commission on Cancer-accredited programs nationwide. These centers follow the same evidence-based protocols and national quality benchmarks designed to improve patient outcomes and promote consistency in cancer care.

"Our providers and staff are deeply committed to delivering cancer care that is guided by the latest clinical research and best practices," said Wenhui Zhu, MD, Hematologist/Oncologist. "This accreditation validates the work we do each day to support patients and families through every stage of their cancer journey."

John Griffin, Chairman of the Colquitt County Hospital Authority, noted the importance of this achievement for the region. "Edwards Cancer Center's accreditation reaffirms the expertise and compassion demonstrated by our physicians, nurses, navigators, and support staff. The Hospital Authority is incredibly proud of this accomplishment and of Colquitt Regional's continued investment in strengthening comprehensive cancer services for our community."

As part of its accreditation, the Edwards Cancer Center also becomes an American College of Surgeons Surgical Quality Partner—an indicator of its ongoing commitment to continuous quality improvement and evaluation of clinical outcomes.

“Quality cancer care is not static—it evolves,” said Steven Johnson, MD, Radiation Oncologist. “Being recognized by the Commission on Cancer reflects our commitment to stay at the forefront of treatment advancements and to ensure that our patients always receive exceptional, evidence-based care.”

“American College of Surgeons quality programs are grounded in more than a century of experience, and participation is a key indicator of a hospital’s commitment to excellence,” said ACS Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS. “As an ACS Surgical Quality Partner, Colquitt Regional Health System has demonstrated its dedication to providing the best possible patient care and to continually advancing quality across its cancer program.”