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Uintah Basin Medical Center launches TeleHealth partnership with Intermountain Healthcare to provide specialty support for cancer patients

August 8, 2019, Roosevelt, Utah — Uintah Basin Medical Center now provides an extra level of support to cancer patients in the Uintah Basin with access to experts in the field of oncology through the expansion of a partnership with Intermountain Healthcare.

Using TeleHealth technology, including high-definition cameras, monitors, and audio equipment, clinicians in Roosevelt can quickly connect with Derrick S. Haslem, MD, and his team of oncology specialists at Intermountain HealthCare 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Although the idea of the cameras and audio technology might sound simple, the education and training around TeleHealth programs allow trained staff and specialists on both ends of the camera to provide seamless, superior care.

These specialists provide real-time evaluation of patients, consult on treatments and follow-up options, and coach bedside clinicians through specialized procedures for a variety of oncology patient needs. In many cases, TeleHealth allows patients to stay closer to home and family, avoiding unnecessary trips to the Wasatch Front.

“When considering the best partnership to provide access to oncology services for our cancer patients, it was clear that Intermountain Healthcare’s TeleHealth Oncology Program provides our patients access to the largest, most in-depth network of leading cancer specialists in Utah without needing to leave the Basin. Their team of oncologists and advanced treatment techniques produce medical outcomes significantly better than the national average. As a local non-profit organization, it is important to us to make the right investments in strategic partnerships to ensure access to the very best healthcare for our communities” said Jim Marshall, President & CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare.

“For years, we have been exploring ways to improve the experience of patients from the Basin who are diagnosed with cancer” says Greg Staker, MD. “Through this partnership, we will use the expertise of the Intermountain Cancer Center and its world class team treating patients throughout the region. When Dr. Derrick Haslem approached us about this model – combining the relationship between a patient’s own doctor and an oncologist who understands both the cancer treatment and the realities of living in the Basin – we felt this was an absolute win for everyone involved. We are truly thrilled with this partnership. We feel it is uniquely designed to help our patients facing the overwhelming challenges of a diagnosis with cancer”.

This partnership with Intermountain Healthcare will not only implement innovative technology to assist in providing superior patient care, it will also address existing challenges including the following:

- A need to reduce travel costs associated with traveling to the Wasatch Front for treatments.
- A desire to make it possible for oncology patients to spend more time closer to home during treatments.
- A need for clinical expertise and support that will allow patients to receive care quickly and continue along their path to recovery.

“Intermountain’s goal is to be a partner with Uintah Basin Medical Center’s care team as they care for cancer patients in the Uintah Basin,” says Derrick S. Haslem, MD. “Being born and raised in the Uintah Basin, I have a personal connection to this partnership and a dedication to the success of this program. Had this program been in place during my family member’s recent cancer journey, the majority of their treatments and associated testing could have been performed here in the Basin. We understand that time at home, with family and loved ones during oncology treatment is simply priceless. People feel better and do better. Our goal and vision is to ensure that patients get the highest quality cancer care close to home and as convenient as possible”.

For more information on this new partnership, please call the Oncology Team at Uintah Basin Medical Center at (435)247-4298.