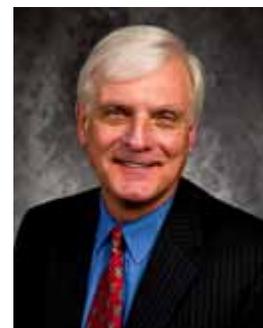




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Harrison Medical Center joins WA CARES Cancer Partnership

Harrison Medical Center has recently become a member of the WA CARES Cancer Partnership representing the West Sound area and Ed Smith, Director, Oncology Service Line, has been elected to serve a two-year term on the Steering Committee beginning January 2011.



WA Cares Cancer Partnership is a diverse group of individuals and organizations who work together to fight cancer in our communities and around the state. Their purpose is to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive, state-wide, cancer control plan for Washington. Similar partnerships now exist in almost all states and are funded by grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Staff support is provided by the Washington Department of Health's Partnership Development Office. The plan for Washington State can be found at <http://198.187.3.177/ccc/docs/wscpp-plan.pdf>.

In his role on the steering committee, Mr. Smith will work to integrate Harrison Medical Center's oncology initiatives with the efforts of the Partnership to reduce the effects of cancer upon our citizens and our community. He will advance the vision of the partnership and support efforts that achieve the following:

- Reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality.
- Increase equity in access to preventive screenings, diagnostic and medical treatment, and palliative care.
- Maximize the quality of life for all individuals with cancer.
- Promote research.
- Educate consumers, providers, payers, and policy makers on cancer issues.

The WA CARES Cancer Partnership currently has 68 member organizations and is open to anyone interested in cancer issues. Representatives include survivors, individuals, health professionals, associations, and public and private organizations from across the state. For more information about the Partnership, please contact the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, Washington State Department of Health, at 360-236-3784 or cancer@doh.wa.gov.

Harrison Medical Center has a comprehensive oncology program, accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (ACOS) since 1985. For more information about Harrison Medical Center's oncology program and services, please contact Ed Smith at 360-744-1825 or Harrisonmedical.org/oncology.