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Committed to Cancer Care in New Mexico

By Jason Mitchell, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

The American Cancer Society estimates that by the end of 2019, there will be 9,460 new cases of cancer in New Mexico, the most common being breast and lung cancer. Those patients depend on our state's medical providers to deliver the effective treatments and dedicated care they need to fight their illness and get them back to their lives and loved ones.

At Presbyterian we are committed to delivering the highest quality of care to cancer patients in New Mexico. We are proud to report that the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI[®]) Certification Program has re-certified the Presbyterian Medical Group (PMG) hematology/oncology programs at Presbyterian Kaseman Hospital and the Ted and Margaret Jorgensen Cancer Center at Rust Medical Center for another three years. The re-certification recognizes the high-quality care our outpatient cancer care teams deliver every

day for our patients, specifically the infusion and pharmacy practices.

Our outpatient oncology/hematology teams achieved this certification by meeting QOPI's core standards in all areas of treatment, including: treatment planning, staff training and education, chemotherapy orders and drug preparation, monitoring and assessment of patient well-being and more.

Patients benefit from Presbyterian's QOPI-certified practice because of our reputation as a champion of quality care, quality and safety standards specific to the outpatient oncology setting and a culture of excellence and self-examination. "The QOPI certification speaks to the dedication of our team to uphold the Promise to our patients by ensuring we are delivering high quality care and safe practices," comments Cyndie Fierro-Trujillo, RN, BSN, PMG Director of Practice Operations for Cancer.

We are also proud to announce that our Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department has recently been accepted to the Children's Oncology Group (COGs), the largest pediatric cancer research group in the world. Membership gives the patients we serve access to the most current clinical trials for treatment of their cancer. It was an extremely rigorous process to join COGs. We will have more news on this important program in 2020.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

Congratulations, Presbyterian midwives, on an honor well-earned.

The American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) recently recognized our midwifery team at Presbyterian Medical Group OB/GYN, 201 Cedar St., for "National Best Practice." This award was given in two categories: low rate of pre-term births and high rate of spontaneous vaginal births. We're proud of everything they do for our patients and our community.

Learn more about Presbyterian at [phs.org](https://www.phs.org).



Full CME and Event Calendar

New Mexico Vascular Surgery Symposium

Friday, January 17, 2020

Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

7:45 AM - 4:40 PM

<http://nmvascularsurgery.org>

50th Annual UNM Carrie Tingley Hospital Winter Conference

Friday, January 31, 2020

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sandia Resort Convention Center

<https://orthopaedics.unm.edu/>



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The surgeons who are part of our Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery as Master Surgeons are the first in New Mexico to achieve this designation and we are proud to recognize their achievements.

Karen Finkelstein, MD - Gynecology-Oncology, voted ABQ The Magazine's Top Doc for Robotic Surgery

Mario Leyba, MD - General Surgery

Luis Padilla-Paz, MD - Gynecology-Oncology

Joel Webb, MD - Gynecology-Oncology

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