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# Cancer Partners of Nebraska, Kearney Regional Medical Center to Open Cancer Center

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(LINCOLN, NEB.) Cancer Partners of Nebraska (CPN) and Kearney Regional Medical Center (KRMC) announced a joint venture to provide outpatient cancer services in a new-construction, 25,000-square-foot cancer center in Kearney.

The cancer center will be located between KRMC and Yanney Heritage Park and will include:

- Radiation and medical oncology
- Infusion and chemotherapy services
- State-of-the-art linear accelerator
- National oncology clinical trial access
- Onsite CT and PET diagnostic imaging

"This is an exciting day for all involved and has been many years in the making," said KRMC CEO Bill Calhoun.

"We have known there is a need for increased oncology services in our community since 2018. And just as we've done in other areas such as maternity and emergency/trauma services, we are able to respond to consumer needs if and when the right timing, place and partner are in place. Today we're thrilled to announce that we've found the right partner in CPN," said Calhoun.

CPN is the first and only community oncology practice in Nebraska to become an MD Anderson affiliate institution with the NCI clinical trials network and a chosen provider of comprehensive cancer care in Lincoln and eleven greater Nebraska communities. In October of 2020, CPN announced a partnership



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with Bryan Medical Center to build a \$45 million, 140,000-square-foot comprehensive community cancer center in South Lincoln.

"Having recently joined the Bryan Health system ourselves in 2022," said Calhoun, "we've watched the April Sampson Cancer Center project take shape with Bryan Medical Center and CPN. This model truly embodies our core values: trust in local management and improved access to the highest quality care."

As like-minded healthcare organizations, CPN and KRMC are committed to bringing greater benefits to the communities they serve, including underserved and vulnerable populations.

"Often we find that patients in Greater Nebraska are seeking medical, radiation and surgical oncologists in different locations without centrally coordinated plans for ongoing care," said Justin Rousek, Executive Director, CPN. "By opening this Kearney-based cancer center, we can decrease travel time for patients in Central and Western Nebraska, and allow them more time to focus on treatment and recovery close to home."

Construction for the project is set to begin in late 2023, with an anticipated go-live in 2025.

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#### **About Cancer Partners of Nebraska**

Cancer Partners of Nebraska provides comprehensive cancer care in Lincoln and eleven greater Nebraska communities. Cancer Partners combines advanced medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology and multiple oncology support services at their two Lincoln locations. For more information, visit CancerPartners.com.

## **About Kearney Regional Medical Center**

Kearney Regional Medical Center is a full-service acute care hospital. As the region's first physician-guided medical center, KRMC is governed by a physician-led Board of Managers. This leadership model enables the organization to easily adapt to the ever-changing healthcare environment and the needs of its community. Since opening in 2014, the state-of-the-art facility has grown to include a full-service medical clinic, 93-bed surgical and outpatient center, 24-hour emergency room, ICU, Maternity Care Center and Level II NICU. For more information, visit BryanHealth.org/KRMC.

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