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### **Methodist Children's Hospital receives accreditation from the Commission on Cancer**

Methodist Children's Hospital of South Texas is the first and only children's hospital in the nation to receive accreditation through the Commission on Cancer as a pediatric component of an adult program that has already gained this prestigious accreditation.

The Commission on Cancer is a multidisciplinary program of the American College of Surgeons. This medical consortium of professional organizations is dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. Accreditation is based on meeting a stringent set of guidelines and thorough onsite survey. The pediatric program was granted a three-year accreditation with commendation in the area of quality improvement.

Methodist Children's Hospital's Hematology/Oncology/Transplant Services has an ongoing quality improvement program that exemplifies the quality of care provided to each patient, every day. Methodist Children's Hospital has the only blood and marrow stem cell transplant program for children in the region. From diagnosis, patient and family education, and treatment modalities, Methodist Children's Hospital has become a regional leader in the area of cancer treatment for children.