



**Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons  
Categories of Approval for Approved Cancer Programs**

Network Cancer Program (NCP)	NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center Program (NCIP)	Teaching Hospital Cancer Program (THCP)
Veterans Affairs Cancer Program (VACP)	Pediatric Cancer Program (PCP)	Pediatric Cancer Program Component (PCPC)
Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program (COMP)	Community Hospital Cancer Program (CHCP)	Hospital Associate Cancer Program (HACP)
Affiliate Hospital Cancer Program (AFCP)	Integrated Cancer Program (ICP)	Freestanding Cancer Center Program (FCCP)

**Network Cancer Program (NCP)**

The organization owns multiple facilities providing integrated cancer care and offers comprehensive services. Generally, networks are characterized by a network-wide cancer committee or functional equivalent, standardized registry operations with a uniform data repository, and coordinated service locations and practitioners. The network participates in clinical research. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional, and there is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.

**NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center Program (NCIP)**

The facility secures a National Cancer Institute (NCI) peer-reviewed Cancer Center Support Grant and is designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the NCI. A full range of diagnostic and treatment services and staff physicians with major specialty board certification, including certification in oncology, where offered, are available. This facility participates in both basic and clinical research. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional, and there is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.

**Teaching Hospital Cancer Program (THCP)**

The facility is associated with a medical school and participates in training residents in at least four areas, two of which are medicine and surgery. The facility offers the full range of diagnostic and treatment services, on site or by referral. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties, including oncology, where applicable. The facility is required to participate in clinical research. There is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.

#### **Veterans Affairs Cancer Program (VACP)**

The facility provides care to military veterans and offers the full range of diagnostic and treatment services, on site or by referral. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties, including oncology, where applicable. Participation in clinical research is required. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional. There is no minimum caseload required for this category.

#### **Pediatric Cancer Program (PCP)**

The facility provides care only to children and may be associated with a medical school and participate in training residents in at least four areas, two of which are pediatric medicine and pediatric surgery. The facility offers the full range of diagnostic and treatment services for pediatric patients, on site or by referral. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties associated with pediatrics, including oncology, where applicable. The facility is required to participate in clinical research. There is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.

#### **Pediatric Cancer Program Component (PCPC)**

The pediatric component within a larger facility accessions a minimum of 50 newly diagnosed pediatric cancer cases each year and offers the full range of diagnostic and treatment services for pediatric patients, on site or by referral. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties associated with pediatrics, including oncology, where applicable. The facility is required to participate in clinical research. The facility may be associated with a medical school and participate in the training of pediatric residents.

#### **Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program (COMP)**

The facility accessions 650 or more newly diagnosed cancer cases each year and provides a full range of diagnostic and treatment services that are available on site or by referral. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties, including oncology where available. Participation in clinical research is required. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional.

#### **Community Hospital Cancer Program (CHCP)**

The facility accessions between 100 and 649 newly diagnosed cancer cases each year and provides a full range of diagnostic and treatment services, but referral for a portion of treatment is common. The members of the medical staff are board certified in the major medical specialties. Facilities may participate in clinical research. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional.

**Hospital Associate Cancer Program (HACP)**

The facility accessions between 50 and 99 newly diagnosed cancer cases each year and has a limited range of diagnostic and treatment services on site. Other services are available by referral. Clinical research is not required. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional.

**Affiliate Hospital Cancer Program (AFCP)**

The facility accessions fewer than 50 newly diagnosed cancer cases each year, has limited access to services on site, and forms a partnership with a sponsoring hospital to provide access to the full range of diagnostic and treatment services. Clinical research is not required. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional.

**Integrated Cancer Program (ICP)**

The facility offers one treatment modality and forms a partnership with a hospital to provide access to the full range of diagnostic and treatment services. Participation by the integrated facility in clinical research is optional. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional, and there is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.

**Freestanding Cancer Center Program (FCCP)**

The facility offers a minimum of two treatment modalities, and the full range of diagnostic and treatment services are available by referral. Referral to a CoC-approved program is preferred. Participation in clinical research is optional. Participation in the training of resident physicians is optional, and there is no minimum caseload requirement for this category.