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## **SASKATCHEWAN CANCER AGENCY**

### **SASKATCHEWAN CANCER AGENCY RECEIVES ACCREDITATION WITH COMMENDATION**

Patients coming through the doors of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency can rest assured that they will receive a high level of care when they see the Accreditation Canada seal and designation of Accreditation with Commendation, which is the second highest standing a health organization can receive.

Every four years the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, like many healthcare organizations, undergoes an Accreditation Canada survey which assesses compliance with nationally accepted standards for patient care.

"This is a significant achievement for the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, which puts patients first by providing high-quality care and treatment for cancer patients here in Saskatchewan," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said.

The on-site survey took place in April when the Cancer Agency was assessed against Accreditation Canada requirements in four key areas: leadership, governance, clinical programs and services.

"Being awarded Accreditation with Commendation reflects the tremendous dedication of our staff towards quality improvement and safety," said Scott Livingstone, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Agency.

The Cancer Agency met 100 per cent of Accreditation Canada's required organizational practices when it comes to safety and quality improvement within the organization.

"We have continued to improve and have achieved a personal best for our organization, having gone beyond the requirements of Accreditation Canada against nationally recognized best practice standards," Livingstone said.

The next scheduled accreditation for the Cancer Agency will be in 2020.

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The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency operates prevention and early detection programs, provides safe, quality cancer treatment and conducts innovative research.

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