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**STURDY MEMORIAL'S CANCER CARE PROGRAM RECEIVES
APPROVAL, COMMENDATION FROM COMMISSION**

ATTLEBORO, MA, January 28, 2009 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital's Cancer Care program was recently granted a three year re-approval by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer with commendation. Commendation is a distinction that only one quarter of the state's cancer programs have earned according to the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The three-year approval was granted based on the Hospital's ability to meet 36 quality standards.

The Commission on Cancer evaluates cancer programs based on compliance in meeting standards related to institutional and programmatic resources; cancer committee leadership; cancer data management and cancer registry operations; clinical management; research; community outreach; professional education and staff support; and quality improvement. To achieve approval with commendation, Sturdy Memorial's Cancer Care program, lead by its Cancer Committee, demonstrated excellence in each of these areas. In fact, the Hospital was found to have zero deficiencies on all 36 standards.

To learn more about Sturdy Memorial Hospital's Cancer Care program, please call (508) 236-8020 or visit www.sturdymemorial.org. Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, non-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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