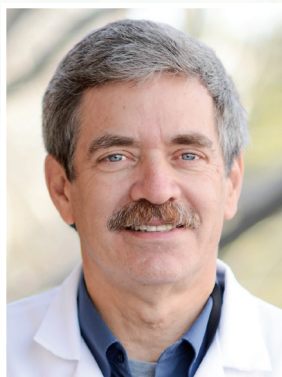


# Memorial Comprehensive Cancer Care Quality Improvement Project 2016



“ Virginia Mason Memorial is the only Commission on Cancer accredited cancer program in our region. By participating in this nationally recognized accreditation program, we are able to compare our patient outcomes and other aspects of cancer care with other accredited programs across the US. The cancer care provided at VMM routinely excels and remains above the benchmarks when compared to other Commission on Cancer accredited institutions. ”

— *Barry Bernfeld, MD*

## / **Virginia Mason Memorial Review of Anal Cancer Care in 2016**

Treating patients according to the standard of care

11 cases of anal cancer were reviewed to assure they received the standard of care for this disease.

### **Findings:**

- 10 of 11 cases (91%) received the standard of care based on their stage of disease.
- 1 of 11 cases (9%) did not receive the appropriate treatment for their stage of disease. This patient received their treatment at a cancer center outside the VMM organization.

### **Follow-Up Plan:**

Our goal is to treat 100% of patients with the standard of care for every cancer diagnosis.

We implemented a quality improvement process to address this treatment variation, including:

- The offering of a Continuing Medical Education Program to all VMM staff on the AJCC staging for Anal Cancers. The program included guidelines on identifying the clinical indications for staging of both anal and anal canal cancers, including pictures, diagrams and TNM staging changes.
- Another follow-up audit will be conducted to assess treatment standards.