

# Public Reporting of Outcomes Ascension St. Vincent Anderson Cancer Center

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**Ascension Indiana's commitment to community reflects our Mission to serve all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable.**

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Each calendar year, the cancer committee at St. Vincent Anderson Cancer Center and a physician member of the committee completes an in-depth analysis to assess and verify that cancer program patients are evaluated and treated according to evidence-based national treatment guidelines.

The benefits of evidence-based practice is the consistent clinical application of the strongest and the most current evidence from well-designed studies and practice guidelines to improve the quality of patient care and patient outcomes.

## **The focus of the 2019 analysis was Colon Cancer.**

**This focus was considered appropriate for the areas patient population and community for a variety of reasons:**

- Colon Cancer has been one of the top five sites for the St. Vincent Anderson patient population for many years.
- The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment for Madison County Revealed:
  - The Priority Health Issues Section noted chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease being among the top five areas most in need of attention making it fourth on the list
  - The percentage of participants selecting this issue as one of the top five needing attention was 37.9.
  - Five issues received endorsement for prioritization for St. Vincent Anderson with chronic diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease being among those five.
- In 2011-2015 there were 16,642 new cases (all stages) diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the State of Indiana. This incidence rate is slightly higher than the United States incidence rate.

**As an American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer accredited program St. Vincent Anderson Cancer Center is held accountable to quality measures with expected performance rates for Colon Cancer.**

Two of these have real time percentages that are reviewed by the cancer committee for compliance with expectations.

The two treatment measures are:

-At least twelve regional lymph nodes are removed and pathologically examined for colon cancer surgical resections (surgery).

-Post operative chemotherapy is considered or administered within 120 days of the colon cancer diagnosis.

The St. Vincent Anderson Cancer Program and Treatment team is currently 100% compliant with these measures.

**A 2019 case analysis was also completed with the following results:**

Ten appropriate colon cancer cases were reviewed for evidenced based treatment based on their diagnosis, stage of disease and prognostic factors.

All ten cases were noted to have appropriate, evidenced based treatment as guided by their individual diagnosis.

The Cancer Committee and Treatment Team at St. Vincent Anderson noted the exceptional care and compliance to evidenced based guidelines that this patient population received.



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