



**COMMUNITY REPORT** 2023

FROM our CEO

# A Message of Gratitude & Thanks

## OUR MISSION at CONFLUENCE HEALTH

*is quite simply to be LOCAL CARE BY AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY*

These words carry so much of what we believe in as an independent, patient-focused healthcare system. This is who we are, and this is who we will continue to be for our staff, our community, and, most importantly, our patients.

Remaining independent is fundamental to delivering on this community commitment. When we care for our friends and neighbors as an independent healthcare system, we can ensure our decision-making remains

local, positively impact our local community, nimbly and quickly respond to needs, and attract talented staff who value and champion the opportunity to be a part of that vision.

We know that this work is hard work. We don't shy away from those challenges, but we know that we cannot do this alone. Local care by and for our community requires us to come together for our community with purpose and vision. But we know that – together – we can continue our commitment to providing care with a clarity of purpose that will ensure we are here for decades to come.

Andrew Jones, MD, CEO



## CLOSE to HOME

# Radiation Oncology Center Opens in Moses Lake

Many years of advocacy and efforts to care for cancer patients in the Columbia Basin were finally realized on October 7, 2023, when Confluence Health celebrated the grand opening of its new Moses Lake Radiation Oncology Center. With a size of nearly 7,000 square feet situated on 1.5 acres, the new facility provides a more complete offering for cancer care in Grant County and surrounding areas.

Patients undergoing radiation therapy often need treatment five days a week for several consecutive weeks. If those patients are going to do their best to live a “life outside of cancer,” they need treatment options close to their homes and workplaces. Through this new radiation oncology center, Confluence Health can provide full-spectrum cancer care in Moses Lake

and neighboring communities.

“We are so excited to offer this state-of-the-art care in the Columbia Basin,” said Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. “This new facility will help patients undergoing radiation therapy—who previously had to travel to Wenatchee, Spokane or other locations—to get their care closer to home and closer to their support network of family and friends.”

The journey toward constructing this new facility began in the early 1990s, when a retired pilot named Howard and his wife, Lois, moved to Moses Lake and were surprised to discover the lack of a local treatment center to care for her cancer. After Lois passed away in the late 1990s, Howard championed the idea of a cancer treatment center located in the Columbia Basin, which culminated in

the formation of the Moses Lake Cancer Foundation in the year 2000. This was the beginning of what is currently known as the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation. In 2017, after recognizing that both Confluence Health and the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation shared similar missions and visions, the two organizations combined their efforts to raise funds and build a radiation oncology facility.

According to Spencer Green, oncology service line director for Confluence Health, “This project represents the hopes, efforts, and investment of this entire community in the health and well-being of their friends and neighbors...The new Moses Lake Radiation Oncology Center is important not only for the staff, providers, and patients of Confluence Health, but also for the residents of the Columbia Basin. We're so happy to be a part of it.”

## WHO we ARE



305  
PHYSICIANS



3,919  
EMPLOYEES



4  
COUNTIES



28  
FACILITIES



158  
ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS



197,250  
UNIQUE PATIENTS



10,238  
INPATIENT VISITS



56,002  
ER VISITS



24,438  
SURGERIES



523,334  
CALLS TO CONTACT CENTER



30+  
SPECIALTIES



1,256  
BABIES BORN



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