

A Real Lifesaver



Tammy Walker Cancer Center wins Women's Choice Award for cancer care **BY BETH VINSON**

The Tammy Walker Cancer Center at Salina Regional Health Center has been named a Women's Choice Award® recipient as an America's Best Hospital for Cancer Care, acknowledging Tammy Walker Cancer Center's dedication to providing exceptional patient and cancer treatment care for women and their families.

"This is validation that what we do here does make a difference in people's lives. Our physicians and staff are committed and have a passion for helping patients with their fight against cancer," says Melanie Leepers, cancer program manager for the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. "We have so much to offer cancer patients close to home and it's nice to be recognized for that."

AN ELITE GROUP

Among the elite group of 337 hospitals, the Tammy Walker Cancer Center earned the 2014 Women's Choice Award because it has met the comprehensive cancer care standards of the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. It won for its excellence in clinical performance with regard to cancer care measures and for its high recommendation rate—a measure that is important to women in choosing a hospital. The Women's Choice Award is the only distinction that identifies the nation's best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women really want when it comes to treatment and a quality hospital experience.

FIGHTING THE BATTLE

"Almost every woman in America has been touched by cancer in some form," says Delia Passi, CEO and founder of the Women's Choice Award program and former group publisher of *Working Woman* and *Working*

Mother magazines. "When left undetected and untreated, cancer can be a silent killer at any age. It's now more important than ever to make smart healthcare choices to screen, diagnose and fight cancer.

"One of the most important decisions a woman will make in her battle is the hospital in which she chooses to fight this disease. And as one of America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care, the Tammy Walker Cancer Center is demonstrating its commitment to fulfilling the needs and preferences of women by meeting the highest standards of excellence and performance." ■

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The Tammy Walker Cancer Center provides the latest technology in radiation and chemotherapy and all the support services patients need, including nutritional guidance, various counseling and support groups, and even an appearance center. For more information, go to tammywalkercancercenter.com or call **785-452-4850**.

