

# **St. Joseph cancer center joins pilot program**

The Cancer Institute at St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson, has announced it will participate in a pilot program to extend the reach of National Cancer Institute (NCI) research and state-of-the-art treatment into more states, cities and towns.

The program will focus on bringing more Americans into a system of high-quality cancer care, increasing participation in Phase II clinical trials and reduce cancer health care disparities. St. Joseph is the only Maryland hospital in the pilot program, known as the NCI Community Cancer Centers Programs (NCCCP), which includes 14 nation-wide sites and 16 community hospitals.

“This pilot program will expand clinical trial availability and increase cancer survival for segments of our society who do not presently have access to this type of care,” said Dr. Mark Krasna, medical director of The Cancer Institute.