Intake Oncology Coordinator Program
for patients suspected of having a malignancy

Renown Medical Group – Medical Oncology has designed an Intake Oncology Coordinator (IOC) program to expedite diagnosis and provide an appropriate specialty referral for patients who are suspected of having a malignancy.

Common conditions to be referred to this program, includes patients with:
- A mass shown on the Chest X-Ray
- An abnormal breast exam or mammogram
- A thyroid nodule
- An elevated protein shown on their Comprehensive Metabolic Panel

If you have an appropriate patient, please place an IOC referral in Epic, or call 775-982-4000.

About The Program:
- Once a referral has been received, the patient will be scheduled with an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) for evaluation within five days. The APRN will order the next appropriate tests such as a biopsy, CT or PET scan, or additional labs.

- If a benign condition is found, the IOC will return the patient to the referring physician with recommendations for further follow-up.

- If a diagnosis of cancer is made, the IOC will refer the patient to the next appropriate specialist for treatment, such as a surgeon, radiation oncologist or medical oncologist.

- It is preferred the referring practitioner not schedule concurrent biopsies or refer to other specialists. This program will keep the primary care physician and referring provider aware of all test results and consultations. Specialists are chosen based on patient or primary care physician request, by providers in-network, specialty expertise, or by rotation schedule. If a patient does not have a primary care physician, the IOC will facilitate the assignment of one.

- The IOC will see patients regardless of insurance status. If finances are an issue, the IOC will engage the assistance of social services and financial patient advocates.

For any questions, call 775-982-4000 or send a staff message in Epic to Christina Alsop, APRN, or James Cohen, MD, Medical Director.