



INTERMOUNTAIN CANCER CENTERS ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF IMMUNO- ONCOLOGY PROGRAM

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, USA, August 4, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Intermountain Healthcare](#) announces the implementation of a cancer immunotherapy program. According to Terence Rhodes, MD, PhD and Director of Immuno-Oncology at Intermountain Healthcare, "Immunotherapy is therapy that helps the patient's immune system in its fight against cancer. Immunotherapy can either take the brakes off the immune system or teach the immune system how to fight."

Intermountain Healthcare already delivers approved immunotherapies, yet they are also investing in the future with regard to research and development through the cancer immunotherapy program. "A handful of immunotherapies have been approved for years for certain types of cancer," said Dr. Rhodes. "However, Intermountain Healthcare has been instrumental in building a program that will provide additional research and clinical trials to cancer patients." One of the objectives in immuno-oncology is to help tailor more treatment therapies targeted to work with the body's immune system for a positive outcome and provide clinical trial opportunities to as many cancer patients as possible.

At Intermountain Healthcare, physicians and scientists are able to perform research and help patients live the healthiest lives possible. Dr. Rhodes added, "Because Intermountain Healthcare is an integrated health system, as opposed to an academic center in the traditional sense, at Intermountain we have the opportunity to create partnerships with academic institutions so we can push the therapy forward and bring immunotherapy to more patients. This is somewhat unique for an integrated health system."

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