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#### Transplant center receives designation

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The bone marrow transplantation unit, housed at Washoe Medical Center, has been approved as a designated Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) autologous transplant center. The center was established in November 1992 through the collaboration of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Washoe Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and is directed by Joao Ascensao, M.D., Ph.D., who is a professor in the medical school's internal medicine department. This ECOG recognition is awarded only to established transplant centers with documented excellence of care and advanced level of research.

The center participates in high priority studies by the National Cancer Institute which conducts research on a variety of diseases, such as high-risk breast cancer, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, ovarian cancer and testicular cancer; and has been approved to use purified or expanded stem cells.

Under Dr. Ascensao's direction, the program in Reno is a nationally recognized center and provides state-of-the-art care, while preserving a patient-friendly atmosphere.