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MEDIA RELEASE

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**ASK THE EXPERT PRESENTATION --
THE PROSTATE SCREENING CONTROVERSY**

Kennewick, WA – The Tri-Cities Cancer Center, a leader in radiation oncology in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon, will host a free presentation on Thursday, February 16 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM in their Wellness Center. Joseph R. Kelley, MD, PhD, a Radiation Oncologist at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center will facilitate the presentation ***The Prostate Screening Controversy***.

Is PSA (prostatic specific antigen) screening a good or bad thing? Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in the United States and around the world. With annual PSA screenings, it is possible to detect prostate cancer at its earliest stages when treatment has a very high chance of curing the disease. However, the US Preventive Services Task Force is now questioning the usefulness of PSA screening and some are calling for an end to PSA testing.

Dr. Kelley will discuss the nature of prostate cancer, review the different treatment options for the disease, and explain their risks and benefits. He will also explain why PSA testing has become so controversial.

A complimentary lunch is provided with a reservation, courtesy of Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation. **Please register for this presentation by February 14, 2012, online at www.tccancer.org or by calling (509) 737-3427.** The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is located at 7350 W. Deschutes Ave., Kennewick.

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is able to offer programs like this at no cost, thanks to generous contributions from organizations like CH2M HILL and others. Donations to the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation stay local and are used to provide valuable non-reimbursed cancer programs and services for patients, their families and the community.

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