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TRI-CITIES CANCER CENTER TO OFFER PRESENTATION ON LEGISLATING CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT AUGUST 18TH

Kennewick, WA – Responding to concerns about the risks of managing chronic and long-term pain, the 2010 Washington State legislation passed, ESHB 2876, a first of its kind bill, which changes the way providers can prescribe opiates to chronic pain patients.

On Thursday August 18th, Dr. Anjan Sen will explain who is impacted and how it may affect prescribers and the treatment of patients in pain from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, in the Tri-Cities Cancer Center's Wellness Center. Dr. Sen is a neurosurgeon and pain specialist for Kadlec Regional Medical Center.

To reserve a seat or for more information, please call (509) 737-3427. A complimentary lunch will be provided, with a reservation, courtesy of *Parkview Estates Senior Living*, please RSVP by August 16th. The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is located at 7350 W. Deschutes Ave., Kennewick.

ESHB 2876 went into effect on June 30, 2011. This bill directs five medical boards and commissions to adopt rules concerning management of chronic, non-cancer pain. The professions include medical physicians and physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician assistants, dentists and podiatrists.

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center is able to offer programs like this at no cost, thanks to generous contributions from the community. 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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