The NCI’s “comprehensive” designation has a precise meaning. Other cancer centers may describe their services and capabilities as “comprehensive,” but UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is the only cancer center in Sacramento and all of inland Northern California to have earned the NCI’s “comprehensive” designation — the world’s most prestigious honor in oncology.

UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center provides outstanding care embedded in a culture of discovery. That means our successes in the laboratory, such as personalized treatments designed to target the specific molecular characteristics of tumors, can be delivered to the clinic when patients need them.

The NCI’s comprehensive designation for UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center certifies that patients throughout inland Northern California — including those in Truckee, Marysville, Pleasanton, Lodi and Merced within the UC Davis Cancer Care Network — have access to world-class cancer care close to home.

The new designation attests that UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is breaking barriers to beat cancer through investigator-initiated clinical trials of new therapies, biomedical engineering research, the translation of innovations from the lab to the clinic, scientific partnerships to develop better cancer research models and work to close gaps in cancer outcomes for different populations.

The UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center draws on experts at UC Davis and throughout the state — more than half of its 180 members are faculty from such institutions as the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, School of Agriculture, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, and College of Biological Sciences, as well as researchers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Jackson Laboratory and the California Department of Public Health.

The UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center has joined an elite group of other NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers, including Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, M.D. Anderson in Texas and Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York.