

PeaceHealth's Jennie Crews, MD, attends National Cancer Moonshot Summit

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BELLINGHAM — The [National Cancer Moonshot Summit](#), a day-long event hosted by Vice President Biden at Howard University in Washington D.C. on June 28, brought together over 350 leaders from around the county to end cancer as we know it. The group included researchers, doctors, scientists, philanthropists, community oncologists, advocates, patients and survivors. Among them was Jennie R. Crews, MD, PeaceHealth's Bellingham-based medical director for cancer services.

President Obama called on Vice President Biden to lead the [National Moonshot Initiative](#) during his 2016 State of the Union Address. He committed \$1 billion to identifying new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. The Cancer Moonshot Summit aimed at creating action and fostering collaborations around the [goals of the Cancer Moonshot](#). It was the first time that stakeholders representing all types of cancers have convened under one national charge. Dr. Crews was grateful to play a role in building this historical momentum to fight cancer.

"The Moonshot cannot be achieved by one person, one organization, one discipline, or even one collective approach," Vice President Biden said. "Solving the complexities of cancer will require the formation of new alliances to defy the bounds of innovation and accelerate the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and — ultimately — a cure. It's going to require millions of Americans speaking up and contributing what they're able. That's what the Cancer Moonshot Summit is all about."

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[PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center](#), which includes a not-for-profit full-service hospital founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, is part of the PeaceHealth system with medical centers in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. In addition to the hospital and [PeaceHealth Medical Group](#), PeaceHealth's services in Bellingham include comprehensive cardiology, oncology, orthopedic and rehabilitation services, a diagnostic laboratory and a joint venture outpatient imaging service. In Northwest Washington, PeaceHealth additionally operates critical access hospitals in Sedro-Woolley and Friday Harbor.