



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AnMed Health recognized for less invasive approach to diagnosing lung cancer**

*(Anderson, S.C. – September 3, 2019)* - AnMed Health has been recognized as a Center of Excellence by Veran Medical Technologies, a step towards obtaining status as a center of excellence in lung cancer care. AnMed Health uses the SPiN Thoracic Navigation System to help physicians in the fight against lung cancer by providing earlier diagnosis and timely treatment.

The navigation system was used to diagnose lung cancer in 50-year-old Russell Smith. “It seemed that this procedure was pretty minimal. It meant less time in the hospital and less time away from work. That was a big plus,” Smith said.

If a spot on a patient’s lungs is difficult to reach, the navigation system guides the pulmonary expert to the abnormality without major surgery. The biopsy is done under mild sedation and as an outpatient procedure. The navigation system procedure is covered by insurance, and it's cost-effective by reducing the patient’s hospital stay and major surgeries.

“The Veran navigation system allows us to go beyond where we can see in a deeper level of the lung and obtain a biopsy to make the diagnosis of lung cancer,” said Dr. Abhijit Raval, director of Interventional Pulmonary and Pulmonary Vascular Disease.

Dr. Chet Walters added, “It has helped in making a timely diagnosis of cancer without a very steep learning curve.” Dr. Walters and Dr. Raval are the only AnMed Health pulmonologists who perform the procedure and use this equipment.

With AnMed Health becoming a Veran Center of Excellence, there is a collective mission to transform the standard of care for early cancer diagnosis and treatment.

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