

## **Cosmo Smith – Managing Partner, Origin**

### **Origin has been doing this for a number of years. Why is OSF partnering with you?**

*Origin works with everybody in a collaborative environment.*

We don't believe that any one promising therapy or ideas around promising therapies can come from any one place. We believe that the entire scientific community has to be brought together and then culturally aligned so that we can actually get those therapies to patients at the right time. :19

### **Tell me about the scientists and others who are the “we” that is Origin**

The “we” of Origin are individuals and organizations that are focused on developing and accelerating promising therapeutics and working in conjunction with health systems like OSF so that those therapeutics can find their way to patients going forward. :19

### **What do you say when people say why are you doing this in Peoria?**

Is there any difference between the cancer patient in New York City or Los Angeles and Peoria? So we have to help the people in Peoria no different than we have to help people in New York City.

**And you have the medical community here too, that does make a difference.** There's a remarkable group of physicians and nurses and practitioners of all kinds here in Peoria that are truly committed, both in pediatrics and adults, and in all areas of complex disease that want to make a difference in their patients' lives. We have to enable them with the most promising areas and capabilities to bring to those patients, so that those patients don't have to go too far from home. And especially for those patients who don't have the capacity to go anywhere from Peoria. :53

### **There's a lot of hope in the undercurrent of all these discussions. Is that accurate?**

It's what drives us to wake up in the morning, it's what drives us to work through the middle of the night and it's what drives us to get to know every single patient we deal with every single day and, ultimately, it's what forces us to say that there is a solution. We just need to find it. :21