Ascension Joins CancerLinQ Creating Path for New Practices to Participate

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- CancerLinQ LLC, a wholly owned nonprofit subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO®), has announced that Ascension has signed an agreement to participate in the CancerLinQ® platform. Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the United States, includes oncology care facilities throughout the country that can benefit from CancerLinQ’s growing quality network.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to serve Ascension’s physicians and oncology care professionals as we collaboratively explore ways to enhance the quality of cancer care,” said CancerLinQ LLC CEO Kevin Fitzpatrick. “CancerLinQ® works closely with our participating health systems and sites to create new knowledge and transform cancer care. Ascension is one of our nation’s leading healthcare networks with a proud tradition of excellence. We look forward to a long and innovative collaboration with Ascension.”

Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers. Ascension’s Healthcare Division operates 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals— in 24 states and the District of Columbia.

“Ascension is greatly enthusiastic about every opportunity to lead with quality to fulfill our calling to the persons we serve and the quadruple aim. Participating in the CancerLinQ platform is one way to facilitate this work led by our physicians, advanced clinicians, and valued members of the healthcare team as we continue to transform healthcare,” said Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee, MD, Vice President, Care Excellence for Ascension.

CancerLinQ® is a powerful platform containing growing amounts of real-world cancer information. This national initiative will allow cancer providers to improve the quality and value of care by analyzing millions of cancer patient medical records, uncovering patterns and trends, and
measuring their care against that of their peers and recommended guidelines.

To date, nearly 90 practices in 40 states and the District of Columbia, representing thousands of oncologists, have signed agreements to participate in CancerLinQ®.

CancerLinQ® is supported in part through the Conquer Cancer Foundation, whose generous donors have helped make the system possible. Major supporters include Amgen; Astellas; AstraZeneca; Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Cancer Treatment Centers of America®; Chan Soon-Shiong Family Foundation; Genentech BioOncology™; HELSINN; Janssen Oncology; Lilly; Raj Mantena, RPh; Novartis Oncology; Pfizer Oncology; Thomas G. Roberts, Jr., MD and Susan M. DaSilva; and Susan G. Komen®.

CancerLinQ® is a project of CancerLinQ LLC. For more information, please visit CancerLinQ.org.

**About ASCO:**

Founded in 1964, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®) is committed to making a world of difference in cancer care. As the world’s leading organization of its kind, ASCO represents more than 40,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Through research, education, and promotion of the highest-quality patient care, ASCO works to conquer cancer and create a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. ASCO is supported by its affiliate organization, the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Learn more at www.ASCO.org, explore patient education resources at www.Cancer.Net, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

**About CancerLinQ LLC**

CancerLinQ LLC is a subsidiary of American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. established for the development and operation of the CancerLinQ® initiative. CancerLinQ® is a health information technology platform aimed at enhancing and improving the understanding and treatment of cancer. To learn more, visit www.cancerlinq.org.

**About Ascension**

Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2016, Ascension provided more than $1.8 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes approximately 150,000 associates and 36,000 aligned providers. Ascension’s Healthcare Division
operates 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 24 states and the District of Columbia, while its Solutions Division provides a variety of services and solutions including physician practice management, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, clinical care management, information services, risk management, and contracting through Ascension’s own group purchasing organization.