ASCOCongratulates Dr. Barbara McAneny as First Oncologist Elected to Lead the American Medical Association

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“Today, the delegates of the American Medical Association (AMA) voted for Barbara McAneny, MD, FASCO, MACP, as the organization’s President-elect, making her the first oncologist elected to serve in this important leadership position. In our national dialogue on access to health care, patients with cancer often highlight the broader challenges facing the entire system. The awareness Dr. McAneny brings, as an oncologist at the helm of the largest physician association, will benefit patients and providers broadly. On behalf of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), I offer my congratulations to my friend and colleague, Dr. McAneny. I am delighted that she has been elected to represent the entire physician community and certain that her broad expertise and insight on today’s challenging healthcare environment will greatly benefit the practice of medicine and our patients.

Through years of dedicated effort, Dr. McAneny has consistently moved medicine forward by innovating new models that promote higher quality cancer care while significantly reducing costs. She has served ASCO with distinction, serving as a member of our Clinical Practice Committee, State Affiliate Council, as well as our Board of Directors and our liaison to the AMA House of Delegates. During her service, she provided critical insights into the challenges facing community oncologists, passionately testified before Congress, and continuously advocated on behalf of oncologists and patients with cancer. I am confident that she will bring this same energy and leadership to the American Medical Association.”

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