ASC0’s CancerLinQ™ Extends its Reach – 58 Oncology Practices, 750,000 Patient Records, 1,000 Providers Under Contract, New Partnership Launch With the Nation’s Leading Cancer Informatics Association

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – ASCO announced today that a total of 58 practices in 39 states and the District of Columbia have joined CancerLinQ™, ASCO’s big data initiative to rapidly improve the quality of care for people with cancer. CancerLinQ is already up and running in a number of practices and drawing on approximately three-quarters of a million patient records from across the United States.

CancerLinQ LLC, a wholly owned nonprofit subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), also announced a collaborative agreement with the Cancer Informatics for Cancer Centers (CI4CC), representing senior informatics leaders and chief data scientists at the nation’s NCI-Designated Cancer Centers and other major medical and research institutions. This new collaboration follows the recent announcement that CancerLinQ has joined a strategic relationship with SAP on its SAP Connected Health platform.

“We’re proud that CancerLinQ is in such demand within the oncology community, and we’re excited about what this means for our patients,” said ASCO President Julie M. Vose, MD, MBA, FASCO. “For the first time ever, we’re truly combining the expertise of the nation’s oncologists, data scientists, researchers, and other professionals, so that patients can receive high-quality care no matter where they live.”

CancerLinQ™ will allow cancer care 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. The CancerLinQ™ platform is the only effort of its kind being driven by a non-profit, physician organization, and it leverages the combined expertise of 40,000 of the world’s leading oncologists who comprise ASCO’s membership.

**Data Science and Informatics Partnership Expands the Potential for New Insights**

CancerLinQ’s new collaborations will expand the range of providers, patients, and stakeholders who can benefit from the data-driven insights. The most recent joint initiative is with Cancer Informatics for Cancer Centers (CI4CC), a nonprofit organization that provides a national forum for academically focused research from informatics scientists, as well as for engagement of senior cancer informatics and technology leaders at academic cancer centers around the world and the 70 U.S. NCI-funded cancer centers.

This initiative will bring the nation’s leading clinical, genomics, and biomedical informaticists, academicians, and data scientists together with the oncology community to help improve cancer care. CancerLinQ and CI4CC will launch joint initiatives to engage informatics leaders nationally, establish an informatics advisory council for CancerLinQ comprised of leading experts from cancer centers across the nation, and place a CancerLinQ representative on a CI4CC Leadership Board. The initiative will facilitate cross-participation in a variety of avenues, including key forums, programmatic development, and alignment strategic opportunities to exchange best practices, break down silos, and accelerate the transformation of patient data into meaningful insights to impact care.

**CancerLinQ Joins SAP Connected Health Partnership**

CancerLinQ runs on SAP Connected Health built on the SAP HANA® platform, a flexible, multi-purpose data management and application platform created by SAP. On May 18, SAP announced that CancerLinQ LLC would be one of the first strategic relationships on SAP Connected Health, which will grow to include an ecosystem of partners that influence every aspect of the cycle of care, from payers to providers to researchers to life sciences companies. CancerLinQ and other Connected Health partners together aim to accelerate the development and delivery of innovative, patient-centered solutions for improving health outcomes, reducing costs, and delivering connected healthcare services on the SAP Connected Health platform.

**Participating Practices Reflect Full Spectrum of Oncology Care Delivery**
CancerLinQ has completed agreements with 58 oncology practices, representing 1,000 providers under contract in 39 states and the District of Columbia, and continues to actively recruit practices nationwide. Participants range from small private practices to some of the nation’s leading cancer centers including, most recently, Intermountain Healthcare.

“CancerLinQ is beginning to fulfill its mission of empowering the oncology community to improve quality of care and patient outcomes,” said CancerLinQ LLC Chief Executive Officer Kevin Fitzpatrick. “In a fast-changing oncology landscape, doctors are demanding this kind of collaboration and support so they can easily stay on top of new evidence and new treatment approaches, and deliver exactly the care their patients need.”

Practices that have signed on to participate in CancerLinQ are:

- Alaska Women's Cancer Care – Anchorage, Alaska
- Arkansas Cancer Institute – Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Augusta Oncology Associates – Augusta, Ga.
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads – Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach, Va.
- Bon Secours Richmond Health System – Mechanicsville, Midlothian, and Richmond, Va.
- Bon Secours St. Francis Cancer Center – Greenville, S.C.
- Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma – Lawton, Duncan and Altus, Okla.
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America Global, Inc. – Atlanta, Chicago, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Tulsa, Okla.
- Catholic Health Initiatives – Nationwide
- Charleston Hematology Oncology Associates – Charleston, S.C.
- Columbus Oncology and Hematology Associates, an Ohio Oncology Hematology LLC practice – Columbus, Ohio
- Dayton Physicians Network – Beavercreek, Centerville, Dayton, and Greenville, Ohio
- Diablo Valley Oncology & Hematology Medical Group – Berkeley, Brentwood, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek, Calif.
- Edward Elmhurst Health – Elmhurst and Naperville, Ill.
- Epic Care - Partners in Cancer Care – Antioch, Calif.
- Essex Oncology of North Jersey – Belleville, N.J.
- Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology – Appleton, Wis.
- Greenville Health System – Clinton, Greenville, Greer, Seneca, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest, S.C.
- Health First Cancer Institute – Brevard County, Fla.
- Hematology Oncology Associates of Brooklyn – Brooklyn, N.Y.
• Highlands Oncology Group – Fayetteville and Rogers, Ark.
• IHA Hematology Oncology Consultants – Ann Arbor, Mich.
• Inova Schar Cancer Institute – Falls Church, Va.
• Intermountain Healthcare – 49 locations in Utah and Burley, Idaho
• Jefferson Cary Cancer Center – Caribou, Maine
• Katmai Oncology Group – Anchorage, Alaska
• Kauffman Cancer Center, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health – Bel Air, Md.
• Lynchburg Hematology Oncology – Lynchburg, Va.
• Marin Cancer Care – Greenbrae, Calif.
• Medical Oncology & Hematology Associates/Cancer Center of Iowa – Des Moines, Iowa
• Medical Oncology Hematology Consultants, PA – Newark, Del.
• Michiana Hematology-Oncology – Mishawaka, Ind.
• Montgomery Cancer Center – Montgomery, Ala.
• New England Cancer Specialists – Scarborough, Maine
• New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, P.A. – Hooksett, N.H.
• New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants, Ltd. – Albuquerque, N.M.
• North Star Lodge – Yakima, Wash.
• Oncology Specialists S.C. – Niles and Park Ridge, Ill.
• Pontchartrain Cancer Center – Covington, La.
• Presence Cancer Care (formerly Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, Ltd.) – Joliet, Ill.
• Providence St. Mary Regional Cancer Center – Walla Walla, Wash.
• Sanford Health – Sioux Falls, S.D.
• Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care – New Bedford, Mass.
• Summit Cancer Care – Savannah and Statesboro, Ga., and Okatie, S.C.
• The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders – Arlington, Burleson, Cleburne, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Stephenville, and Weatherford, Texas
• The Ghosh Center for Oncology & Hematology – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
• The Longstreet Clinic, P.C. – Gainesville, Ga.
• The Zangmeister Cancer Center, a division of Ohio Oncology Hematology, LLC – Columbus, Ohio
• Tri-County Hematology & Oncology Associates – Dover and Massillon, Ohio
• TriHealth Cancer Institute – Cincinnati, Evendale, Hamilton, Lebanon, Montgomery, and Oxford, Ohio
• University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center – Cleveland
• University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Center – Mobile, Ala.
• Utah Cancer Specialists – Provo, American Fork, West Jordan, Murray, Salt Lake City, Tooele,
Bountiful, and Layton, Utah
• Ventura County Hematology Oncology Specialists – Ventura, Oxnard, and Camarillo, Calif.
• Virginia Cancer Institute – Richmond, Va.
• Washington Cancer Institute at MedStar Washington Hospital Center – District of Columbia
• West Michigan Cancer Center & Institute for Blood Disorders – Kalamazoo, Mich.

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CancerLinQ LLC is a subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology 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.