CancerLinQ Engages Leading Technology Companies Tempus and Precision HealthAI to Accelerate Data-Driven Insights to Oncologists and the Cancer Care Community

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — CancerLinQ LLC and the data services companies Tempus and Precision HealthAI announced today they have entered into an agreement that will accelerate development and delivery of high-quality, de-identified clinical databases for use by CancerLinQ®, its oncologist subscribers, partners, and the broader cancer community. The agreement will also enable CancerLinQ to more quickly build and expand on its core data sharing and quality improvement platform for oncology practices, and facilitate Tempus’ and Precision HealthAI’s connection to industry to support faster and better development of new treatments for patients.

Through the new agreement, Tempus and Precision HealthAI will curate data into high-quality datasets to be used to improve quality of cancer care and for research. These datasets will be made available through the core CancerLinQ® quality improvement platform and CancerLinQ Discovery™, a service that provides access to high-quality, de-identified datasets for non-profit organizations, health care providers, academic researchers, and government agencies. Tempus
and Precision HealthAI will bring these de-identified datasets to industry partners to produce practical applications such as targeted therapies, more efficient clinical trials, and data-driven analyses to help determine which therapies are producing the greatest patient benefit. Royalties from this license will help to support ASCO's CancerLinQ® initiative.

“Tempus and Precision HealthAI bring first-rate technical capacity that complements CancerLinQ’s existing strengths,” said Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP, FASCO, CEO of ASCO and Chairman of the CancerLinQ Board of Governors. “They share our vision for improving patient care and have the right combination of experience and commitment to innovation to help us provide useful information, faster, to subscribing practices and the entire cancer community.”

“At Tempus, we have built a platform to help usher in an era of precision medicine, empowering physicians with the tools and information they need to improve patient outcomes,” said Eric Lefkofsky, founder and CEO at Tempus. “Building on the vast network that CancerLinQ has established, our team will apply sophisticated technology tools to this large body of clinical and molecular data to help power cutting-edge research and produce actionable clinical insights.”

“We are developing an innovative AI platform for the management, delivery and use of clinical data. Our experienced team of health care data and technology professionals focus on developing artificial Intelligence and machine learning-driven solutions for a range of oncology stakeholders,” said Romesh Wadhwani, PhD, Chairman of Precision HealthAI. “Applying our technology solution to de-identified CancerLinQ data will help the broader community to accelerate research and the development and administration of new therapies.”

Under the new license arrangement, CancerLinQ will retain its non-profit status and remain responsible for data integration and providing a platform of meaningful tools and reports to participating oncologists and oncology care sites. Tempus and Precision HealthAI will be responsible for further structuring this dataset to put it to work for the benefit of patients.

“Our commitment to oncologists and the patients they serve is stronger than ever and this collaboration will allow us to deliver cutting-edge clinical tools and enhanced benefits to the cancer centers participating in CancerLinQ,” said CancerLinQ LLC Chief Executive Officer Kevin Fitzpatrick. “As a result of the technical and financial contributions of Tempus and Precision HealthAI, CancerLinQ aims to accelerate the pace of new quality improvement services to its subscribers.”

The agreement with Tempus and Precision HealthAI is part of a broad group of collaborations that CancerLinQ LLC has established with government agencies, medical specialty societies, and life sciences companies, including American Society of Radiation Oncology, Food and Drug Administration.
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association, National Cancer Institute, Oncology Nursing Society, and Society of Gynecologic Oncology. In addition, in November 2016, AstraZeneca became a founding enterprise partner with CancerLinQ Discovery™.

CancerLinQ also recently reached a key milestone with more than 100 oncology practices in 40 states and the District of Columbia now signed up to participate. They account for more than 2,000 medical oncologists and have contributed more than a million cancer patient records in the database.

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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 wholly-owned non-profit 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 Precision HealthAI
Precision HealthAI is developing the leading artificial intelligence platform for oncology built on deep clinical oncology data to enable the practice of precision medicine for better cancer patient care and to accelerate cancer-related drug development, trials and real-world evidence for the benefit of patients, oncologists and the cancer care ecosystem. To learn more, visit www.precisionhealth.ai.

About Tempus
Tempus is a technology company that is building the world’s largest library of molecular and clinical data and an operating system to make that data accessible and useful. We enable physicians to deliver personalized cancer care for patients through our interactive analytical and machine learning platform. We provide genomic sequencing services and analyze molecular and therapeutic data to empower physicians to make real-time, data-driven decisions. Our goal is for each patient to benefit from the treatment of others who came before by providing physicians with tools that learn as we gather more data. For more information, visit tempus.com and follow us on Facebook (Tempus Labs) and Twitter (@TempusLabs).