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Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society Honored with Grant from the Conquer Cancer Foundation to Integrate Palliative Care into Oncology Practices

Sandown, NH — The Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) announced today that the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society (NNECOS) is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to integrate palliative care into oncology practices. NNECOS, a state affiliate of ASCO, will be recognized at the State Affiliates' Reception, being held on June 3 2012 at ASCO's 48th Annual Meeting in Chicago.

In an effort to improve the oncology care delivery system, building on the NNECOS Collaborative Improvement Network (CIN) established two years ago, NNECOS will introduce new tools, processes, and educational programs (targeted towards care givers) designed to improve the quality of care we deliver to our patients with metastatic malignancies.

“The Conquer Cancer Foundation and ASCO applaud NNECOS for expanding the work of their organization to help patients living with cancer in northern New England,” said Martin J. Murphy, Jr., PhD, DMedSc, chair of the Conquer Cancer Foundation Board of Directors. “The work of oncology state societies is indispensable to patient advocacy work and is a vital resource in helping ASCO address issues facing the cancer community.”

ASCO's State Affiliate Grant Program, created in 2005, provides financial support to State and Regional Affiliates to help them implement specific year-long projects that will ultimately lead to better treatment for the patients they serve. ASCO's State/Regional Affiliate Program includes 48 state and regional oncology societies that work to improve the quality and delivery of care to patients affected by cancer. ASCO's State Affiliates are now represented through the newly created [State Affiliate Council](#), which serves as an advisory group to the ASCO Board of Directors.

The State Affiliate Grant Program is supported by *Bristol-Myers Squibb and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)*.

More information on the ASCO State/Regional Affiliate Program is available at www.asco.org/stateaffiliates.

About the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society

The Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society (NNECOS) was formed in 1990 to promote the quality and accessibility of clinical oncology care in Northern New England. The representative organization to ASCO, NNECOS remains committed to assuring access to high quality cancer care through dedicated leadership, educational meetings, support for young professionals, collegial networking and regional collaborative projects. For more information, visit www.nnecos.org.

About the Conquer Cancer Foundation

The Conquer Cancer Foundation is working to create a world free from the fear of cancer by funding breakthrough research, by sharing knowledge with physicians and patients worldwide, and by supporting initiatives to ensure that all people have access to high-quality cancer care. Working in close collaboration with a global network of top scientists and clinicians, as well as leading advocacy and research organizations, the Foundation draws on the passion and expertise of the more than 30,000 oncology professionals who are members of its affiliate organization, the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). For more information, visit www.conquercancerfoundation.org.

About the American Society of Clinical Oncology

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With more than 30,000 members, ASCO is committed to improving cancer care through scientific meetings, educational programs and peer-reviewed journals. ASCO is supported by its affiliate organization, the Conquer Cancer Foundation, which funds ground-breaking research and programs that make a tangible difference in the lives of people with cancer. For ASCO information and resources, visit www.asco.org. Patient-oriented cancer information is available at www.cancer.net.

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