



Northwest Cancer Specialists Changes Its Name to Compass Oncology

*Name change reflects the expert care, treatment and guidance
provided by a community leader in cancer care.*

Portland, Ore. (Oct. 18, 2011) —Northwest Cancer Specialists, P.C., the largest independent cancer and hematology treatment practice in the region, announced that it has changed its name to Compass Oncology.

“Our 42-physician practice has offered multi-disciplinary cancer care to the Portland and Vancouver communities for over ten years. Some of our physicians have been practicing in the area for four to five decades,” said Brad Perrigo, executive director, Compass Oncology. “Our new name is the first step in an outreach plan to tell the community about the cancer treatment resources we have, such as a robust clinical trials program, medical and radiation treatment options, breast and gynecologic surgery, genetic risk evaluation and lab and diagnostic services.”

Compass Oncology’s ongoing commitment to seeing newly diagnosed cancer patients within two days and its seven convenient locations brings accessible state-of-the-art care to the Portland and Vancouver region. The practice allows patients to remain close to their homes and their support network of family and friends. As a result, patients access the best possible treatment with the least amount of disruption to their daily lives.

“Our practice centers on patient care, and our physicians and staff are known for their commitment, collaboration and compassion to the treatment of those with significant illnesses,” said Dr. Gregory Patton, practice president, Compass Oncology. “The name “Compass Oncology” speaks directly to the fact that when our patients are referred to us, they are often overwhelmed, not just by the news that they have cancer, but also by the many decisions and potential directions that are before them. Like a compass, we provide our patients with a clear path and direction to hope and healing.”

Compass Oncology remains an affiliate of The US Oncology Network, one of the nation’s largest networks of community-based oncologists dedicated to advancing cancer care and improving the cancer patient experience.

About Compass Oncology

The physicians of Compass Oncology provide a full range of medical oncology, hematology, radiation oncology, gynecologic oncology, pathology, and breast surgery services. Our specialized physician and clinical staff offer the latest advancements in cancer treatment and clinical research in a supportive and caring environment. Compass Oncology serves the Portland

and Vancouver area communities with seven offices located in East, West and Northeast Portland (4 locations), Tualatin, Vancouver, and Salmon Creek. For more information, please visit, www.CompassOncology.com.

Compass Oncology is united in healing with [The US Oncology Network](#), one of the nation's largest community-based cancer treatment and research networks focused on advancing cancer care in America. As an affiliate of The US Oncology Network, Compass Oncology is united with more than 1,000 physicians and 10,000 cancer professionals nationwide. Compass Oncology participates in clinical trials through [US Oncology Research](#), which has helped to develop 43 FDA approved cancer therapies. For more information, visit www.usoncology.com.

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