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Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois Receives Conquer Cancer Foundation Grant to Enhance Clinical Trials Programs

Decatur, Illinois – Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, S.C. (CCSCI) is one of only two community oncology practices in the country to receive a grant from the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The \$30,000 grant will be used to enhance CCSCI’s clinical trials programs, which provide life-saving treatment options for people living with cancer.

Medical Oncologist/Hematologist Perry P. Guaglianone, MD, FACP accepted the 2011 Community Oncology Research Grant on behalf of Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois on Saturday, June 4, during a presentation at ASCO’s 47th Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Approximately 30,000 cancer specialists from around the world were expected to attend ASCO’s meetings this year. Only three practices received a Community Oncology Research Grant.

“This grant is made possible through our collaboration with the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute,” said James L. Wade III, MD, FACP, President, Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois. “This grant will benefit cancer patients in Central and South-Central Illinois by enhancing access to research trials. Our research team will use this grant to develop a comprehensive website to serve as a central repository for clinical trials. This website will bring state-of-the-art research studies to the fingertips of the cancer doctor when he or she sees every patient. Before, trials were only available on paper format and often cumbersome to locate. Now, new research trials will be downloaded and made available for review in just seconds, thus expanding access for new therapies, improving patient education, and providing more treatment options for patients.”

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Affiliated with National Cancer Institute supported research organizations including MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Chicago, Southwest Oncology Group, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, Gynecologic Oncology Group, National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, University of Rochester Cancer Center, Wake Forest University Cancer Center, NCI Clinical Trials Support Unit, and CICCOP

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“Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, along with the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute research staff, is honored to have been chosen for this prestigious grant to further develop the quality of our program. Three years ago, we received the ASCO 2008 Clinical Trial Participation Award. To our knowledge, we are the only organization in Illinois to be honored to receive both of these honors from ASCO’s grant and award program,” said Wade.

Of the 1.3 million people who will be diagnosed with cancer this year, only 3 to 5 percent will participate in cancer clinical trials. In 2010, Cancer Care Specialists enrolled 319 patients in clinical trials, giving them the opportunity to receive state-of-the-art cancer therapies. Cancer Care Specialists, in collaboration with the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute, currently has nearly 100 ongoing clinical trials in more than 25 different cancer types, including breast, colorectal, gynecologic, leukemia, lung, lymphoma, and prostate cancers, as well as several other cancer control and symptom management trials.

“The Conquer Cancer Foundation and ASCO are pleased to support Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois in the development of a high-quality clinical trial program and in contributing to the progress that is being made against cancer,” said Martin J. Murphy, Jr., PhD, DMedSc, chair of the Conquer Cancer Foundation Board of Directors.

Clinical trials are research studies designed to evaluate whether a new treatment or procedure is safe and effective compared with the current standard of care. Thanks in large part to the knowledge gained through clinical trials, today two-thirds of cancer patients survive at least five years after diagnosis, compared with half in the 1970s.

The Community Oncology Research Grant is designed to help practicing oncologists enhance their clinical trials programs, based on the standards highlighted in the [ASCO Statement on Minimum Standards and Exemplary Attributes of Clinical Trial Sites](#).

For more information on participating in a clinical trial or for a complete list of available clinical trials, please contact Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois at (217) 876-6600, visit www.cancercarespecialists.org, or contact the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute at (217) 876-6620.

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About Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, S.C.

Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois, S.C. (CCSCI) is the largest multi-disciplinary oncology practice south of Interstate 74 serving Central and South-Central Illinois. Founded by James L. Wade III, MD, FACP, the practice is based on the foundation of knowledge through research and includes 16 board-certified physicians specializing in medical oncology, hematology, and radiation oncology. CCSCI physicians and staff are compassionate and caring and dedicated to the communities they serve, including Decatur, Effingham, Centralia, Clinton, Fairfield, Flora, Mattoon, Monticello, Olney, Pana, Shelbyville, Taylorville, and Vandalia. CCSCI is affiliated with several National Cancer Institute research organizations, including M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Chicago, SWOG, ECOG, and NSABP. CCSCI is also a member of the Central Illinois Community Clinical Oncology Program. Through a partnership

with the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute, CCSCI offers many advanced opportunities to participate in research trials for cancer prevention, treatment, and symptom management. For more information, visit www.cancercarespecialists.org.

About the Decatur Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Institute

The DMH Cancer Care Institute is a [Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program \(COMP\)](#) that is accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACoS), Commission on Cancer (CoC). James L. Wade III, MD, FACP, serves as Medical Director of the DMH Cancer Care Institute. The research component of the DMH Cancer Care Institute has several parts, including the Community Clinical Oncology Program and University of Chicago Phase II Program. The clinical research team works diligently to improve the health status and quality of life for cancer patients by providing a local access to state-of-the-art prevention and treatment trials. For more information, visit www.dmhcares.com.

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 nearly 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 nearly 30,000 members, ASCO is committed to improving cancer care through scientific meetings, educational programs and peer-reviewed journals. For ASCO information and resources, visit www.asco.org. Patient-oriented cancer information is available at www.Cancer.Net.

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1. Dr. Perry Guaglianone receiving the grant from Dr. Johanna Bendell (ASCO Conquer Cancer Foundation Committee Member).
2. CCSCI Physicians and DMHCCI Research Staff with the Grant Award Plaque. Pictured left to right: Dona Bement (DMHCCI), Dr. Jane Grace Manalo, Dr. Dolores Estrada-Garcia, Dr. Mario Velasco Jr., Karen Cheek (DMHCCI), Dr. Perry Guaglianone, Dr. Justin Floyd, Dr. James L. Wade III.

