

American Oncology Network and Messino Cancer Centers Welcome Neuro-Oncologist Jeanette Pueschel Larson, MD, to Physician Team

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Dr. Jeanette Pueschel Larson joins the practice as the newest physician.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., April 3, 2023 - Messino Cancer Centers (Messino), partner practice of American Oncology Network, LLC (AON), announced the expansion of the medical team to include Board-certified neuro-oncologist Jeanette Pueschel Larson, MD. Dr. Larson is available to see patients at the Asheville clinic starting today.

"We are excited to have Dr. Larson joining our physicians' team here at Messino," said Martin Palmeri, MD. MBA, Board-certified medical oncologist at Messino. "Our goal is to provide comprehensive cancer care and therapies so that we can better serve our patients and their unique needs. Dr. Larson's specialty is of great value to us and our patients. Welcome, Dr. Larson to the Messino team."



Jeanette Pueschel Larson, MD

Neuro-Oncologist Messino Cancer Centers

Dr. Larson earned her medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School and went on to complete a residency in neurology and a fellowship in neuro-oncology at the Barrow Neurological Institute of St. Joseph's

Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. She then completed a working fellowship in neurological rehabilitation at Valley Physician Medicine & Rehabilitation in Phoenix, Arizona. Through her extensive education and training, she is experienced in caring for patients with aggressive brain, spine and nervous system tumors.

"Messino Cancer Centers practices patient-first care continuously through every interaction and decision made. Joining the Messino team is an honor, and I look forward to helping them elevate cancer care in the community."

Messino is a partner practice of AON, a network of community-based oncology practices across the nation. The partnership grants the practice access to a variety of critical support services and resources, such as an in-house specialty pharmacy and financial aid assistance for patients, so that physicians are alleviated of the burdens that come with running a full-time practice and can focus on patient care.

"Messino joined AON in January 2020, and it has been our pleasure to support them as they have continued to grow and expand their physician team," said <u>Dr. Stephen "Fred" Divers</u>, AON's chief medical officer. "We are excited to welcome Dr. Larson to AON and look forward to her contributions to Messino and the network."

"Dr. Larson is a wonderful addition to the Messino team," said <u>Todd Schonherz</u>, AON's chief executive officer. "She exemplifies the patient-first care approach that we are proud to offer across all of our practices, and her specialty in neuro-oncology will help the practice provide more tailored cancer care to patients who, unfortunately, are facing these types of tumors. Congratulations to the practice for expanding their team."

For more information about AON, visit aoncology.com/. For more information about Messino, visit messinocancercenters.com/.

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About American Oncology Network, LLC

The American Oncology Network, LLC (AON), an Inc. 5000-recognized company, is an alliance of physicians and seasoned healthcare leaders partnering to ensure the long-term success of community oncology. Launched in 2018, the rapidly expanding AON network represents 106 physicians and 86 nurse practitioners and physician assistants practicing across 17 states. The executive management team of AON encompasses more than three decades of oncology practice management experience, enabling physicians to focus on what matters most — providing the highest quality care for patients.

The organization provides unique and comprehensive protocols for managing administrative procedures and enhancing ancillary services for its affiliates. AON is able to aggregate volume and attain economies of scale, as it guides its member physicians and practices through the transition to value-based reimbursement models that improve the patient experience and help to reduce the per-capita cost of cancer care.

AON also provides a unique model of physician-led, community-based oncology management. With services such as a centralized specialty pharmacy, diagnostics, pathology, fully integrated electronic medical records, a care management team and a variety of financial assistance programs, an alliance with AON ensures that patients' experiences are at the very pinnacle of cancer care today. Learn more at aoncology.com.

About Messino Cancer Centers

Messino Cancer Centers (Messino) provides treatment for adult patients diagnosed with all types of cancer and blood disorders. Messino Cancer Centers is grounded in the Western North Carolina region and devoted to providing personalized care of the highest quality to patients in community settings, close to where they live and work and where their loved ones are close by. We are proud of our 30-year history of providing the highest quality cancer treatment that is based on research and focused on the whole person. Learn more at messinocancercenters.com/.

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