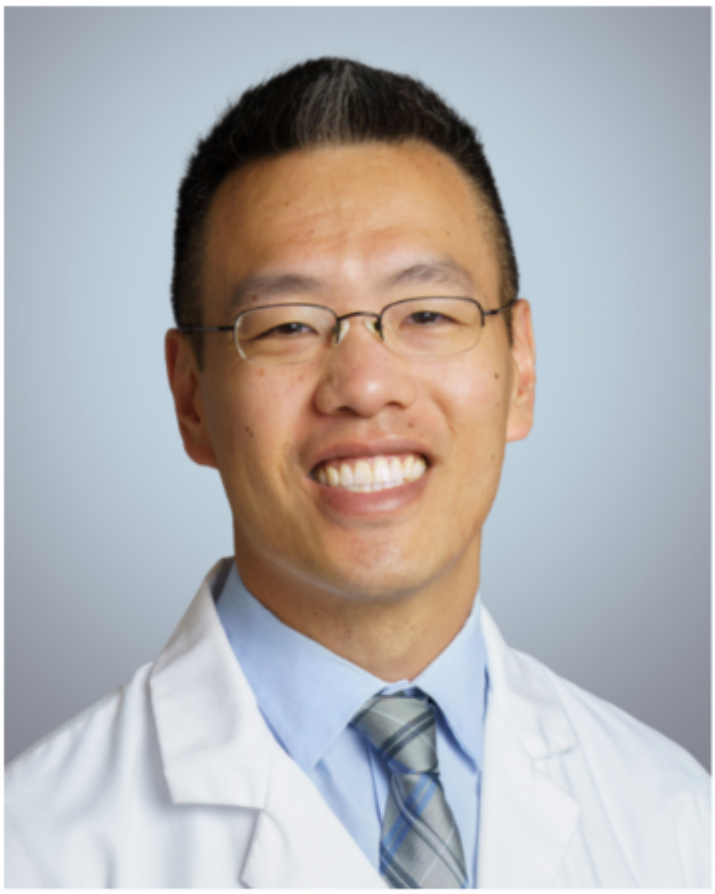
Messino Cancer Centers Expands Physician Team With Medical Oncologist Eric Luk

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American Oncology Network partner practice welcomes the new medical oncologist to the physician team.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., March 1, 2023 – Messino Cancer Centers (Messino), one of the largest partner practices of the fast-growing community oncology organization American Oncology Network, LLC (AON), expanded its physician team to include Board-certified medical oncologist Eric Luk, MD. Dr. Luk joined today and is accepting new patients at the Asheville and Sylva locations.

"We are excited to grow our team and have Dr. Luk join us," said Christopher Chay, MD, medical oncologist at Messino. "His approach to patient care aligns with how we run our practice, and his experienced background in oncology will be invaluable to our patients."



Luk attended Tulane University School of Medicine, receiving his medical degree. He completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School and a hematology and oncology fellowship at Ochsner Health. He is a specialist in thoracic oncology and carries experience treating various aggressive cancers including tumors of the head, neck and brain.

"I focus on patient-centered care first and foremost, finding ways to improve my patients' quality of life," said Luk. "By educating my patients on their diagnosis and offering insights into recommended therapies, I can help them make more informed health decisions. I am honored to be a part of my patients' cancer journey. I look forward to helping Asheville and the surrounding communities and joining the physicians at Messino Cancer Centers."

“Congratulations to Messino Cancer Centers for expanding their team,” said AON Chief Medical Officer Stephen “Fred” Divers, MD. “Dr. Luk’s experience is impressive, and we welcome him to our vast network of skilled community oncologists and look forward to his contributions.”

Messino has been a partner practice of AON since January 2020. By being a part of the network, the practice has access to support and resources that single-site practices lack, such as an in-house specialty pharmacy for oral oncolytic medications and various administrative services, allowing the physicians to focus on patient-centered care.

“AON is comprised of skilled oncologists who are passionate about elevating health and access to care in their communities, and Dr. Luk is no exception,” said AON Chief Executive Officer Todd Schonherz. “I am always eager to learn of new oncologists joining one of our practices because it shows the viability of community-based oncology practices. We cannot succeed in our mission without the commitment of our physicians. Welcome, Dr. Luk.”

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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