Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona Launches the First Local Chapter in Arizona to Advocate for Community Cancer Care

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Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 23, 2021 – Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona (CBSA), a partner practice of American Oncology Network, LLC (AON) launches a new chapter of the Community Oncology Alliance Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN).

CPAN is a national advocacy organization committed to raising awareness of independent, community cancer care and the issues that affect it. CPAN plays a vital role in advocating for patients making sure cancer care is affordable and accessible in the communities where they live.

CBSA Medical Oncologist Tania Cortas, MD, CPE said, "We feel honored to be the first community oncology practice in the entire state of Arizona to partner with CPAN. At Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona we pride ourselves on being patient centric and joining this national advocacy group will help our patients to be able to continue to get affordable, yet high-quality cancer care close to where they live."



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"Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona patients, survivors, caregivers, family members, physicians, staff and community members can all play a part in helping to influence national policies that can influence cancer care within our community," said Todd Schonherz, AON Chief Executive Officer.

There are 31 active CPAN chapters across the U.S. advocating in Washington, D.C. to make an impact on influencing policy and expressing the importance of community oncology.

Rose Gerber, Director of Patient Advocacy and Education for CPAN said, "We support the cure but we advocate for the care." Gerber continued, "Local CPAN chapters within our community cancer centers are important to our cause of educating, engaging and activating cancer care advocates across the nation, helping to ensure patients benefit from quality, affordable and accessible cancer care."

AON Chief Growth & Relationship Officer Shelly Glenn, added "A CPAN chapter in the Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona community means that Greater Phoenix Area patients will have a direct impact on major key cancer issues at a national level."

CBSA and CPAN will work together to combat issues affecting many patients such as limitations on choice of doctors, less personalized medicine, increased hospital care costs, rising medication prices and being forced to travel for care and treatment.

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About Cancer & Blood Specialists of Arizona: (CancerBloodSpecialistsAZ.com)
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About American Oncology Network, LLC: (AONcology.com)
American Oncology Network, LLC (AON) 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 104 physicians and 78 nurse practitioners and physician assistants practicing across 16 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 will be at the very pinnacle of cancer care today.

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