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National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship Appoints Cancer Policy Advisors

Washington, DC – Today the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) announces the appointment of a group of leaders in health policy and oncology to serve as Cancer Policy Advisors. The slate of advisors includes leading researchers, oncologists, scholars, policy experts, payers, and cancer center and survivorship program directors, who will provide guidance to NCCS as it represents cancer patients and survivors on policy issues related to cancer care delivery, payment, and quality improvement.

"NCCS is fortunate to have long-standing relationships with leaders in the cancer field who share their expertise and experience. Their guidance enhances our effectiveness as we advocate for policies that help make cancer patients, and the system that cares for them, better," said Mike Kappel, Chair of the NCCS Board of Directors.

"The health care system is evolving, which means changes to the cancer care delivery and payment system. The patient voice is essential to these discussions, and NCCS has long been a credible, effective voice for patients and a leader in patient-centered public policy efforts," said Therese Mulvey, MD, Physician-in-Chief of the Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care. "I am honored to serve as an advisor to NCCS."

Following is a list of the NCCS Cancer Policy Advisors.

Stuart M. Butler, **PhD,** Distinguished Fellow and Director, Center for Policy Innovation, The Heritage Foundation

John V. Cox, DO, Texas Oncology, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Oncology Practice*

Scott Gottlieb, MD, Resident Scholar, *American Enterprise Institute*

Pamela (P.J.) Haylock, RN, Oncology nurse, cancer survivorship educator, author, advocate

Michael Kolodziej, MD, National Medical Director for Oncology Strategies, Aetna

Michael Link, MD, Lydia J. Lee Professor in Pediatric Cancer, Stanford

Mary McCabe, RN, MN, Director, Cancer Survivorship Initiative**,** Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Therese M. Mulvey, MD, FASCO, Physician-in-Chief, Southcoast Centers for Cancer Care

Lee Newcomer, MD, Senior Vice President, UnitedHealthcare

Kevin C. Oeffinger, MD, Director, Adult Long-Term Follow-Up Program, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Ann H. Partridge, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Active Medical Staff, Medical Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Kavita Patel, MD, Managing Director for Clinical Transformation and Delivery, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Brookings

Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD, FACP, FRACP, FASCO, President, Levine Cancer Institute

Jeffrey Scott, MD, Managing Partner, Strategic Oncology Consultants

Thomas Smith, MD, Professor of Oncology, The Harry J. Duffey Family Professor of Palliative Medicine Professor of Oncology, Director of Palliative Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Jennifer S. Temel, MD, Clinical Director of Thoracic Oncology, Associate Director of the Dana Farber/Partners Cancer Care Hematology/Oncology Fellowship, Massachusetts General Hospital

About the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship: The National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) advocates for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer. More than 25 years ago, NCCS embarked on a mission to replace "cancer victim" with "cancer survivor," a change in terminology that helped bring about a dramatically different notion of the cancer experience. NCCS has built upon this history and is now working to ensure that improving the quality of cancer care, from the moment of diagnosis through the course of treatment and after, is a national policy priority. Learn more about NCCS and its advocacy work at www.canceradvocacy.org.