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**Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers, P.C. Earns National Accreditation from the Commission on Cancer**

*Oncology Medical Home program ensures each cancer patient receives the right care at the right time and at the right place*

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MARIETTA (August 2015)—Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers, P.C. (NGOC) is one of the first oncology medical homes in the U.S. to be accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) as a CoC-Accredited Oncology Medical Home (OMH). To achieve this designation, the oncology medical home practice demonstrated compliance for three eligibility requirements and 16 standards in the areas of patient engagement, expanded access, evidence-based medicine, comprehensive team-based care, and quality improvement. The initial accreditation is valid for one-year.

The primary goal of an OMH practice is to provide better access to care and to treat patients outside the hospital setting, resulting in improved patient care and outcomes, and decreased costs patients, providers, and practices.

As a CoC-accredited oncology medical home, NGOC provides a coordinated, efficient, patient-focused system for delivering quality care. This physician led, team based-based health care model provides comprehensive and continuous care to cancer patients with a goal of obtaining maximized health outcomes while controlling costs. Patients seen at this practice know they have expanded access to care and that they will receive the right care, at the right time and at the right place.

“A cancer diagnosis is not only physically demanding and medically complex, but also emotionally draining on the patient and their family,” said Dr. Bruce J. Gould, NGOC medical director. “As an Oncology Medical Home, we’re proud to be recognized for the efficient and cost-effective access to care, multi-disciplinary care coordination, compassion, and expertise we provide to help navigate our patients through every aspect of the fight.”



**About the CoC Oncology Medical Home Accreditation Program**

The CoC Oncology Medical Home Accreditation Program was established in 2015 by a steering committee comprised of members from the Commission on Cancer, the Community Oncology Alliance, Innovative Oncology Business, and COME HOME. Accreditation ensures that practices provide each cancer patient with the right care at the right time and at the right place. For more information visit <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/coc/omh-program>.

The cancer care team of Northwest Georgia Oncology Centers, P.C. (NGOC) is committed to *fighting for you* as leaders and innovators of community-based cancer treatment and patient-centered care. NGOC is proud to be the largest community-based, independent cancer practice in Georgia and is committed to sustaining and strengthening the accessibility, quality and value of community-based medical oncology practices through influencing public policy and via national advocacy work.

**About the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer**

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving patient outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. The CoC provides the public with information on the resources, services, and cancer treatment experience for each CoC-accredited cancer program online at: ACS Cancer Program Accreditation. For more information visit: <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/coc> [.]

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