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**<< Cancer Liaison Physician Name>> Receives Cancer Liaison Physician Outstanding** 8**Performance Award from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons**

CITY (Date) **<< Name of the Program >>** proudly announces that **<<Specialty>> << Cancer Liaison Physician Name>>** has earned the 2024 Cancer Liaison Physician (CLP) Outstanding Performance Award from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC). This award program recognizes outstanding performance by CLPs in their role as physician quality leaders of their cancer programs.

**<< Cancer Liaison Physician Name>>** is among the 8 CLPs who demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the CoC Standards and the National Cancer Database (NCDB) reporting tools; identified and brought forward specific issues to the hospital’s cancer committee to improve patient care; fostered a strong relationship with the American Cancer Society; and much more. To receive this award, a CLP must be nominated by a member of their cancer care team, cancer committee members, CoC State Chairs, or an American Cancer Society regional staff member.

“On behalf of ACS Cancer Programs, congratulations to the winners on this well-deserved recognition for their contributions to the Commission on Cancer as a Cancer Liaison Physician,” said ACS Cancer Programs Medical Director Ronald Weigel, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS. “As the physician quality leaders at CoC-accredited hospitals, these award winners are helping to move the needle on quality care for patients with cancer.”

CLPs are responsible for evaluating, interpreting, and reporting their facilities’ performance data through the NCDB and facilitating quality improvement initiatives based on data findings. In addition, the CLP is responsible for leading CoC initiatives within their cancer programs and collaborating with agencies such as the American Cancer Society on behalf of their hospital.

*Optional quote from the program’s leadership and/or nominator*

**<< Information about Cancer Liaison Physician>>**

The CoC’s success in improving the quality of cancer care is directly attributed to the contributions and commitment of participating accredited programs dedicated to providing quality cancer care. This includes the cancer program at **[NAME of PROGRAM]**,which has been accredited by the CoC since **[YEAR HERE]**. To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care.

The CoC CLP Outstanding Performance Award is a yearly award program. Details about the 2025 Cancer Liaison Physician Outstanding Performance Award will be available in Spring 2025.

**About the Commission on Cancer**

Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the Commission on Cancer (CoC) 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. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons. For more information, visit: [www.facs.org/cancer](http://www.facs.org/cancer)

About the American College of Surgeons

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