



Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology

Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology receives national certification for highest quality of cancer care

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LONDONDERRY, NH – The Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) Certification Program has awarded [Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology](#) a three-year certification for outpatient hematology-oncology practices that meet its highest standards for quality cancer care.

The QOPI Certification Program was developed by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the world’s leading professional oncology organization. To earn certification, a cancer care facility must undergo an evaluation of its entire practice and documentation standards. The QOPI Certification Program staff and steering group members then verify the evaluation and documents and ensure that the practices met core standards in all areas of treatment.

“We’re very proud to earn this important recognition,” said [Frederick M. Briccetti, MD](#), medical director of medical oncology at Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology. “While we continuously strive to provide compassionate, high quality cancer care, we also realize it is important to review our practices to ensure that they are of the highest national standards.”

“Oncology practices that are committed to quality and safety are those that provide the most optimal cancer care,” said ASCO President Sandra M. Swain, MD, FACP. “ASCO’s quality programs are designed by leaders in the profession and give practices the ability to continuously improve the quality of care they provide. The QOPI Certification Program helps practices determine whether they are providing the best treatment and care possible to their patients, and demonstrates a commitment to excellence and ongoing quality improvement in the hematology-oncology outpatient practice.”

“You can only improve what you can measure,” said [Joseph Jacobson, MD](#), Dana-Farber’s Chief Quality Officer, “and your measurements must be timely, actionable, transparent, and benchmarked against other centers. We owe it to our patients to guarantee them a certain standard of care.”

The QOPI Certification Program was launched in January 2010 and is the first certification for outpatient oncology practices in the United States.

ASCO is the world’s leading professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With more than 30,000 members, ASCO is committed to improving cancer care through scientific meetings, educational programs and peer-reviewed journals. ASCO is supported by its affiliate organization, the Conquer Cancer Foundation, which funds ground-breaking research and programs that make a tangible difference in the lives of people with cancer. For ASCO information and resources, visit www.asco.org. Patient-oriented cancer information is available at www.cancer.net.

[Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology](#) is a medical oncology unit that provides advanced cancer care to residents of southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. It is a collaboration between Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology. [Dana-Farber Cancer Institute](#) is a principal teaching affiliate of the Harvard Medical School and is among the leading cancer research and care centers in the United States. [New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology](#) is a regional group practice founded in 1976 that provides care to patients in Concord, Hooksett, and Laconia.

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