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Oncology Associates Medical Director Named to the 2003 ASCO Board of Directors

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Oncology Associates, a specialty group purchasing and physician network services organization is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Joseph DiBenedetto, Jr., MD, to the Board of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Dr. DiBenedetto assumes the Community Oncology seat on the ASCO Board and will serve a three-year term beginning June 2, 2003.

Dr. DiBenedetto is currently Medical Director for Oncology Associates and is a medical oncologist in private practice in Providence, Rhode Island, where he is associated with four other physicians and is part of Oncology/Hematology Associates. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Brown University School of Medicine.

“Dr. DiBenedetto’s appointment to the Board of ASCO is well deserved for his many years as a pioneer in private oncology practice,” states John Christopher, President of Oncology Associates. “His involvement in this organization will greatly benefit Oncology Associates’ members as well as all community based oncologists by providing much needed real word input to the ongoing process of working with government and third party payers, thus improving services for cancer patients.”

About ASCO

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the world’s leading professional organization representing physicians who treat people with cancer. ASCO’s members set the standard for patient care worldwide, and lead the fight for more effective cancer treatments, increased funding for clinical and translational research, and, ultimately, cures for the many different cancers that strike millions of people around the world every year.

ASCO has 19,000 professional members from 100 countries. ASCO’s membership is comprised of clinical oncologists representing all oncology disciplines and subspecialties; physicians and health-care professionals participating in approved oncology training programs; oncology nurses; and other health-care practitioners with a predominant interest in oncology. ASCO’s members specialize in all fields of oncology, including medical, hematology, therapeutic radiology, surgical, and pediatric.

About Oncology Associates

Oncology Associates (OA) is one of the Nations’ largest specialty group purchasing and physician network services organizations offering practice management services, consulting and exclusive product agreements with proprietary pricing benefits to over 800 private practice physicians throughout the United States. OA is teamed exclusively with FloridaInfusion Services, a leading specialty distributor. The company’s team of experienced clinical and sales personnel has contracted with major pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturers such as Amgen, Aventis, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson and Roche to offer a diverse portfolio of products to members of OA’s Group Purchasing Organization. The company is headquartered in Cleveland, OH.

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