

Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY

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Hematology-Oncology Associates – one of six Certified Oncology Medical Home's in the USA

June 1, 2015 - Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York (HOA) has further defined themselves as one of the most recognized cancer practices in the nation for quality and a commitment to patient centered cancer care. In May, they received Full Accreditation status from the Commission on Cancer as an Oncology Medical Home (OMH). There were ten practices in the US seeking this recognition; HOA is one of several that received this prestigious designation, making them the first and only cancer practice in the state to achieve this status.

This accreditation program is the result of a collaborative effort with a steering committee of cancer care organizations, advocacy organizations, insurers, the Community Oncology Alliance (COA), and the Commission on Cancer (CoC).

The OMH model promotes standards and quality-centric processes that provide a coordinated, efficient, patient-focused system for delivering quality care. These enhanced standards include objective, reportable, continuously measured criteria that demonstrate improvement. COA developed the OMH program to address the twin needs of quality care and payment reform to decrease the cost of cancer care for patients and the healthcare system. To achieve this status, HOA, in addition to compliance with all quality standards and measures, had to undergo an on-site inspection and evaluation of their practice.

“Comprehensive OMH criteria for evaluation and patient-centered care standards were developed,” said Dr. Anthony Scalzo, president of HOA. “Accreditation formalizes the processes and standardizes the measurement criteria for an OMH practice and will enable a meaningful reduction in costs to patients and the healthcare system. OMH practices represent the future of cancer care delivery in this country.”

“We have chosen the OMH practice model as a way to deliver continuously improving care to our patients while controlling the cost of care,” said Maryann Roefaro, CEO of HOA. “Not only do we believe that our patients’ care will benefit now, this model represents the best opportunity for future care and savings. The implementation process came with an incredible amount of effort, commitment and additional expense to our practice. In times of decreasing reimbursement, this says a great deal about the quality and nature of our physicians.”

About the Community Oncology Alliance

The Community Oncology Alliance (COA) is a non-profit organization dedicated solely to preserving and protecting access to community cancer care, where almost 70 percent of Americans with cancer are treated. COA has led community cancer clinics in navigating an increasingly challenging environment to provide efficiencies, patient advocacy, and proactive solutions to Congress and policy makers. COA members have testified before both chambers of Congress, authored cancer care demonstration projects, and are innovating cancer care delivery with the Oncology Medical Home and associated oncology payment reform model. More information can be found at www.CommunityOncology.org and www.MedicalHomeOncology.org.

About Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York

Hematology-Oncology Associates was established in 1982. They are certified by the American Society for Clinical Oncology for quality (QOPI Certification). They are the only cancer practice with that designation in Central New York, as well as the Certified OMH designation. Please visit www.hoacny.com for more information.

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