



Woodlands Medical Specialists Joins The US Oncology Network

Union strengthens Woodlands' ability to remain independent, providing access to vast resources

Pensacola, Florida (September 1, 2016) – [Woodlands Medical Specialists](#), a physician-owned multi-specialty outpatient clinic serving Florida's Panhandle region, has joined [The US Oncology Network](#). The Network provides strong and comprehensive practice management capabilities and value-based care expertise that are critical for large practices such as Woodlands navigating today's challenging healthcare landscape. The Network is supported by [McKesson Specialty Health](#), an industry leader in solutions that empower the community patient care delivery system to advance the science, technology and quality of care. The agreement unites two like-minded organizations with a vision of keeping independent physician groups strong and viable, while sharing a common goal of improving patient health.

"Our mission at Woodlands Medical Specialists remains to preserve the patient-doctor relationship and provide access to a high-quality healthcare experience," said David Bernstein, M.D., president of Woodlands Medical Specialists. "By joining The US Oncology Network, it will help us continue this mission through a model that provides all the scale, resources, infrastructure, and expertise we require to remain strong and independent."

The US Oncology Network also gains significantly through the collaboration, adding Woodlands' 22 highly-credentialed and specialized physicians to The Network, including medical and radiation oncologists, urologists, primary care physicians, and an OB/GYN — giving The Network the opportunity to collaborate with a true multi-disciplinary group. The addition of Woodlands Medical Specialists extends the reach of The Network, broadening and strengthening the capabilities and knowledge-base of the organization throughout the Panhandle region.

"Complexity for independent, community-based providers like Woodlands continues to increase as the healthcare landscape evolves," said Kirk Kaminsky, president of The US Oncology Network and Practice Management for McKesson Specialty Health. "Our innovative and comprehensive practice management solutions are in a unique position to ease provider challenges and ensure long term practice health. The Network's proven success in practice management empowers providers in our physician-led organization to focus on advancing patient care."

About Woodlands Medical Specialists

Woodlands Medical Specialists is a multi-specialty, outpatient clinic founded by established Pensacola-area physicians. Woodlands opened in 2009 with the desire to offer a patient-centered healthcare approach. Current offerings and physician specialties include Hematology/Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Urology, a Women's Center for Breast Health, Primary Care and OB/GYN. Woodlands offers one-stop-shopping for patients seeking specialty referrals, in-house laboratory, second opinions, and fully accredited advanced imaging services. The practice serves patients from six convenient locations throughout the area, including Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Crestview, Milton and Brewton, Ala. For more information about Woodlands Medical Specialists, visit www.WoodlandsMed.com. Appointments for all specialty areas and services can be scheduled by calling 850-696-4000.

About The US Oncology Network

The US Oncology Network is one of the nation's largest networks of integrated, community-based oncology practices dedicated to advancing high-quality, evidence-based cancer care. A physician-led organization, The US Oncology Network unites like-minded physicians and clinicians around a common vision of improving patient outcomes and quality of life. Leveraging healthcare information technology, shared best practices, evidence-based guidelines and quality measurements, physicians within The US Oncology Network are pioneering new ways to achieve this vision. This includes participation in initiatives that are leading the way toward value-based care such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid's (CMS)

Oncology Care Model (OCM). The US Oncology Network is committed to strengthening patient access to integrated care in local communities across the nation, including collaboration with a variety of payers, hospitals and academic institutions. The US Oncology Network is supported by McKesson Specialty Health, a division of [McKesson Corporation](#) focused on empowering a vibrant and sustainable community patient care delivery system. For more information, visit www.usoncology.com.

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