

September 13, 2005

Contact: Linda Green, Communications & Development Specialist
New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance
505-272-7819

New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance Welcomes Affiliate Participants

Albuquerque, NM – New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance's continues to acquire and seek out new local and national agencies to be Affiliate Participants. Affiliate Participants are groups involved with cancer treatment, research and support. Affiliates work with NMCCA's physician participants to increase knowledge of the role research may play in cancer treatments. NMCCA, itself, works with the sponsors of cancer research studies and cancer care providers to offer access to the most up-to-date treatments for patients. Affiliate participants will help NMCCA reach the goal of educating the public and increasing awareness of the availability of cancer research studies and the possible benefits of participating in one.

An Affiliate Healthcare Participant has access to NMCCA's continuing medical education opportunities, newsletter and participant areas of our website (www.nmcca.org), as well as a connection to the doctors who treat cancer patients in New Mexico. NMCCA benefits by having access to organizations with expertise in areas that will complement our existing skills.

Two more organizations became Affiliate Healthcare Participants in August— the American Cancer Society and the New Mexico Department of Health, bringing NMCCA's Affiliate participant total to four.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through prevention, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

New Mexico Department of Health, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Bureau's mission is to prevent and control chronic disease and its associated disability by promoting healthy individual and community practices. The Bureau includes the Breast & Cervical Cancer Program and the Comprehensive Cancer Program; both programs are designed to encourage prevention and cancer control through education, awareness and screening activities.

New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, offers New Mexico cancer patients and physicians access to the most up-to-date clinical research studies in cancer treatment. Our alliance of the major healthcare systems in Albuquerque and Santa Fe and most of the community oncology professionals allows cancer patients to receive quality healthcare locally while increasing the knowledge of cancer care globally.

MORE

NMCCA looks forward to working with and learning from these Affiliate Participants and to collaborating with additional healthcare organizations as we

expand throughout the state of New Mexico. Organizations that wish to explore becoming an Affiliate Participant should contact Teresa Stewart, Executive Director, at 505-272-7813.