



Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Convened 2018 Biden Local Cancer Summit

Summit Focused on Ways in Which Cancer Research and Care Saves Lives; Coordinated by Local Community Oncology Alliance Patient Advocacy Network Chapter

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conjunction with over 450 local summits across the nation and the national Summit in Washington DC, Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology convened the 2018 Biden Cancer Summit on Friday, September 21, 2018, at the Magee-O'Connor Auditorium on the campus of Indiana Tech. Also participating in the event were Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana and Visiting Nurse.

The Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology Biden Cancer Summit discussed ways in which cancer research and care saves lives, builds stronger communities and reaches families in moments of critical clinical and emotional need.

Topics at the Summit included:

- Navigating the cancer journey beyond the disease
- Managing difficult conversations
- Preventing cancer through technology, education, and access
- Understanding the oncology research and development pipeline; and survivorship and the path ahead

The Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology Biden Cancer Community Summit provided the opportunity to learn from the perspectives of patients, caregivers, family members, physicians, nurses, patient navigators, and other care providers. Insights into the realities of living with cancer and the ripple effects a diagnosis can have upon families and communities were featured. Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology is the longest running oncology practice in Northeast Indiana with more than 40 years of excellence in cancer treatments.

"Cancer affects us all," noted Lakshmi Aggarwal, M.D., a physician with Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology. "The impact that a diagnosis can have on an individual, a family, a neighborhood or a community can be devastating. Our goal is to bring new treatments and available community resources into a sharper focus."

Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology hosts a local chapter of the Community Oncology Alliance Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN). Its advocacy leader, Lisa J. Poiry RN, OCN, hosts community outreach and educational events like the Summit, which are open to the community. CPAN is a non-cancer-type specific national network representing all members of the cancer community. The organization brings attention to the impact of Medicare legislative policies on cancer patients, specifically the issues affecting access to local and affordable care.

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About the COA Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN): The Community Oncology Alliance Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) was created in recognition of the vital role patients should play in

advocating for access to local, affordable cancer care for all. CPAN is a non-cancer type-specific, national network representing patients, cancer survivors, caregivers, family members, medical and oncology professionals, and other advocates. To learn more about CPAN visit www.COAdvocacy.org

About Fort Wayne Oncology and Hematology: With recognized specialists in lung and thoracic cancer, leukemia, breast, prostate and colon cancer, Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology has designed its state-of-the-art facilities as a place of healing, offering an array of comforts and conveniences at its 13 locations while patients receive cutting edge, cancer fighting treatment. Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology coordinates cancer-fighting treatments close to home. With 13 locations in Northeast Indiana, they streamline cancer care, so patients spend less time on the road and more time at home. Whether that fight involves surgery, radiation, chemotherapy or inpatient care, they work through any hospital network and co-manage care when appropriate. www.fwmoh.com

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