

COA Patient Advocacy Network Adds Chapter at Central Georgia Cancer Care

National Patient Advocacy Network CPAN Hosts Chapter Launch at CGCC in Warner Robins, Georgia

WARNER ROBINS, GA, UNITED STATES, October 25, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Community Oncology Alliance (COA) launched a new local chapter of its Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) at Central Georgia Cancer Care (CGCC) in Warner Robins, Georgia, yesterday. The chapter is part of a growing network across the United States that educates and empowers patients, survivors, and caregivers, and others that advocate for cancer care that is high-quality, affordable, and close to home.

Opening in 1977, CGCC has provided high-quality, compassionate care to patients with cancer and blood

disorders in Central and South Georgia for over four and a half decades. CGCC patients have a long history of being active advocates, including participating in COA's I AM campaign and Hill Days in Washington. By adding a CPAN chapter, CGCC is ensuring patients have access to a vast network of advocacy resources and other advocates. Melissa Shaw, BSN, RN, OCN, CGCC's director of clinical projects, will serve as CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leader.

The CPAN chapter will offer a range of educational and practice-based advocacy opportunities, including monthly Advocacy Chats, where health care and policy experts from around the industry cover topics like the latest in cancer policy, health equity, clinical trials, and cancer survivorship. Advocates from all parts of the country also gather at the annual COA Conference to learn more about the current state of community cancer care.

"CPAN's core mission is to reach patients where they are treated and give them the tools to



“speak up for the treatment they need,” said Rose Gerber, MS, COA’s director of patient advocacy and education. “When practices like Central Georgia Cancer Care add a chapter to their organization, they are investing in the wellbeing of current and future patients.”

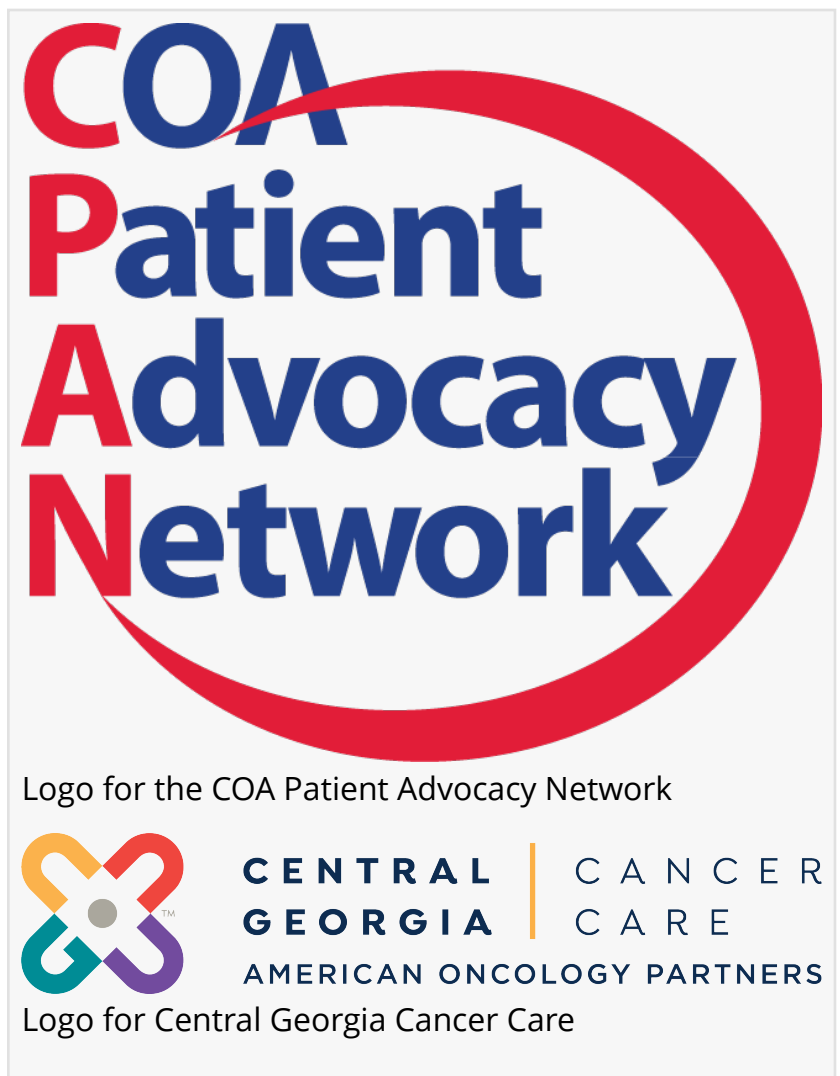
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To learn more about CPAN or inquire about the potential to open a chapter at your local community oncology practice, visit www.COAdvocacy.org.

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About the Community Oncology Alliance (COA)

The Community Oncology Alliance (COA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for community oncology practices and, most importantly, the patients they serve. COA is the only organization dedicated solely to community oncology where the majority of Americans with cancer are treated. The mission of COA is to ensure that patients with cancer receive quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in their own communities. More than 1.5 million people in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year and deaths from the disease have been steadily declining due to earlier detection, diagnosis, and treatment. Learn more about COA at www.communityoncology.org.



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About Central Georgia Cancer Care

Since 1977, Central Georgia Cancer Care (CGCC) has provided compassionate, high-quality care for cancer and blood disorder patients in Central and South Georgia. As one of the few Georgia practices selected for the national Oncology Care Model, CGCC is also the only oncology center in the state with both QOPI® Certification and ASCO's Patient-Centered Cancer Care Certification. Their board-certified physicians and care team ensure patients receive innovative treatment close to home, supporting their overall well-being. Learn more at www.centralgacancercare.com.

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