



The Zangmeister Cancer Center Launches CPAN Chapter to Support Patient Advocacy Efforts

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Community oncology practice continues to focus on patient-first care and advocacy.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 30, 2024 – The [Zangmeister Cancer Center](#), a partner practice of [American Oncology Network](#) (AON) (Nasdaq: AONC), announced the launch of a local CPAN Chapter to support cancer patients and survivors and patient advocacy efforts.



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"Having local cancer clinics that provide care and therapies is important to bridging the cancer care gap and ensuring patients can access these critical services close to where they live and work," said [Jeanna Knoble, MD](#), Board-certified medical oncologist at the Zangmeister Cancer Center. "We are excited to have launched a CPAN Chapter to facilitate important conversations about community oncology and healthcare policies affecting local, homegrown clinics. The Chapter will also serve as a platform for patients to have their voices heard on the importance of having local access to care and treatments and their experiences."

CPAN (COA Patient Advocacy Network) is a "national organization formed to raise awareness of independent, community cancer care centers and how national and local healthcare policy issues affect patient care," according to the Community Oncology Alliance's (COA) [CPAN website](#).

"CPAN Chapters are revolutionizing community oncology by highlighting the benefits independent practices deliver to patient care and outcomes," said [Stephen "Fred" Divers, MD](#), AON's chief medical officer. "By supporting advocacy initiatives, like local CPAN Chapters, we can ensure that community oncology remains a key player and participant in vital healthcare policy discussions. The Zangmeister Cancer Center's joining of CPAN will provide another avenue for advocacy of patient care in community settings, and it is with excitement that we congratulate the practice on getting involved with an esteemed initiative that will elevate cancer care for years to come."

"We are honored to welcome the Zangmeister Cancer Center to CPAN," said [Rose Gerber](#), COA's director of patient advocacy and education. "Accessible cancer care remains a critical issue in ongoing healthcare and government policy discussions. Unfavorable regulations and policies are forcing community oncology practices to close, jeopardizing patient access to critical care in their communities. Raising awareness of community oncology practices' positive impact on patient care is crucial to ensure patients continue to receive high-quality care close to home."

"I am honored to be serving as the liaison between our local and national CPAN efforts, working alongside Rose to strengthen the CPAN impact and reach," said [Dana Zager, MA, ATR-BC, MSW, LISW-S, OSW-C, ACHP-SW](#), Zangmeister Cancer Center's Board-certified oncology social worker. "Bridging the gap between local and national initiatives creates a powerful network of support and advocacy for community oncology practices and their patients. Together, we can increase awareness, drive impact and ultimately, bring greater hope and better outcomes for everyone facing the cancer fight."

The Zangmeister Cancer Center's CPAN Chapter will be the third in Ohio and will join more than 30 community-based practices in over 15 states.

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About Zangmeister Cancer Center

Designed for easy access and patient comfort, the center offers all of the services patients need as part of their cancer care, including diagnostic imaging and chemotherapy treatment, laboratory services, genetic consultation, a specialty pharmacy, social support services and access to cancer clinical trials. Our highly skilled and compassionate physicians use the latest advancements in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer and blood disorders. Learn more at [zangcenter.com](#).

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