

Contact:

Vicky Grogg
Northwest Cancer Specialists
Phone (360) 597-1300
Vicky.Grogg@usoncology.com

**NORTHWEST CANCER SPECIALISTS ROBERT BEACH PRESENTED
WITH EXCELLENCE IN ONCOLOGY NURSING AWARD**

*McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology Honors Five Exceptional
Oncology Nurses for Outstanding Work*

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29, 2011 – Five exceptional oncology nurses out of nearly 2,400 nationwide were recognized by McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology for their dedication to their profession and their passion for their patients. The Excellence in Oncology Nursing Award honors those nurses in the United Network of US Oncology who exemplify competency, courage and determination in providing the highest quality oncology nursing care to patients and their families.

“All five honorees embody the principles of professional nursing and the high standards of the Oncology Nursing Society,” said Sandy Smith, RN, MSN, AOCN®, director of Clinical Services, McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology. “The recipients of this award are exemplary nurses who serve as a source of strength and support for others, demonstrate leadership, and seek to improve the quality of life for those affected by cancer. We at McKesson Specialty Care Solutions | US Oncology take pride in recognizing such phenomenal healthcare professionals.”

Robert Beach has over 22 years of oncology nursing experience including neuro nursing, in-patient oncology and radiation oncology. He joined Northwest Cancer Specialists in 2001 working in radiation oncology for one year and the next nine years as an infusion room nurse at Northwest Cancer Specialists St. Vincent office.

“Rob invests all his energy and emotion into every patient he interacts with,” wrote Justin Gress who nominated Beach. “He does not give up on his patients and continues to care, love and support them throughout their entire treatment journey.”

The five 2011 Excellence in Oncology Nursing Award recipients are:

- Julia Carr Ober, RN, Texas Oncology-Arlington North, Arlington, Texas
- Allison Frenberg, RN, OCN, Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope, Brooksville, Fla.
- Robert Beach, RN, OCN, Northwest Cancer Specialists-Portland, Ore.
- Carrie Czech, RN, OCN, Minnesota Oncology-St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.
- Heidi Hoffmeister, RN, BSN, Maryland Oncology Hematology-Columbia, Md.

About Northwest Cancer Specialists

Northwest Cancer Specialists is a regional oncology and hematology practice with a dedicated team of over 40 medical oncologists, hematologists, gynecologic oncologists and radiation oncologists seeing patients at seven locations in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. For more information, please visit, www.nwcancer.com.

Northwest Cancer Specialists is united in healing with US Oncology, supporting the nation's foremost cancer treatment and research network to accelerate the availability and use of evidence-based medicine and shared best practices. For more information, visit the company's Website, www.usoncology.com.

###



Northwest Cancer Specialists

www.nwcancer.com