



ALABAMA ONCOLOGY®

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**ALABAMA ONCOLOGY Receives Recognition for High-Quality Cancer Care from
the Largest Oncology Association in United States**

Birmingham, AL – ALABAMA ONCOLOGY has been recognized by the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) Certification Program, an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), for practices that meet nationally recognized standards for quality cancer care.

Alabama Oncology is only the 2nd practice in the state of Alabama to currently hold this prestigious certification.

"We are proud to be among the distinguished practices that have received this prestigious certification. All my physician partners and I are very pleased at the dedicated work of the entire Alabama Oncology team that went into this achievement that highlights our commitment to the highest standards of quality patient care." said President and Managing Partner, Brian Adler, M.D.

In applying for certification, Alabama Oncology participated in a voluntary comprehensive site assessment against clearly specified standards that are consistent with national guidelines and was successful in meeting the standards and objectives of the QOPI® Certification Program.

"Practices that certify demonstrate passion for quality care," said, Association Chair Monica M. Bertagnoli, MD, FACS, FASCO. "By opting to dedicate time and resources toward this certification, they exemplify what all providers should strive for, in not just meeting guidelines and standards, but exceeding them."

About QOPI

QOPI® is a voluntary self-assessment and improvement program launched by ASCO in 2006 to help hematology-oncology and medical oncology practices assess the quality of the care they provide to patients. Through QOPI®, practices abstract data from patients' records up to twice per year and enter this information into a secure database. More than 750 oncology practices have registered for QOPI®.

The QOPI® Certification Program, (QCP) was launched in January 2010. This certification for outpatient oncology practices is the first program of its kind for oncology in the United States and in 2016 was expanded internationally. Nearly 300 practices are currently certified.

The QOPI® Certification Program seal designates those practices that successfully met the standards and objectives of the QOPI® Certification Program, which includes scoring above the threshold on the key QOPI® quality measures and meeting chemotherapy safety standards established by the Society and the Oncology Nursing Society.

QOPI® analyzes individual practice data and compares these to more than 170 evidence-based and consensus quality measures. The information is then provided in reports to participating practices. Individual practices also are able to compare their performance to data from other practices across the country. Based on this feedback, doctors and practices can identify areas for improvement.

To become QOPI® Certified, practices have to submit to an evaluation of their entire practice and documentation standards. The QOPI® Certification Program staff and committee members then verify through an on-site survey that the evaluation and documents are correct and that the practices met core standards in areas of treatment, including:

- Creating a safe environment—staffing, competencies, and general policy
- Treatment planning, patient consent, and education
- Ordering, preparing, dispensing, and administering chemotherapy
- Monitoring after chemotherapy is administered, including adherence, toxicity, and complications
- Treatment planning
- Staff training and education
- Chemotherapy orders and drug preparation
- Patient consent and education
- Safe chemotherapy administration
- Monitoring and assessment of patient well-being.

QOPI® and the QOPI® Certification Program are projects dedicated to innovative quality improvement programs. For more information, please visit: <https://practice.asco.org/quality-improvement/quality-programs>

About Alabama Oncology

Alabama Oncology is among the largest private community-based oncology practices in the state of Alabama, committed to providing the highest level of cancer care for nearly 4 decades. Serving Central Alabama, they offer personalized cancer treatment with nine convenient clinic locations in Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair counties. Patients receive the latest advances in comprehensive cancer care and access to an extensive clinical research program from a team of 21 highly specialized physicians, including 4 surgeons. They, along with 5 nurse practitioners and a team of certified oncology nurses, deliver cancer care with an enhanced team approach to ensure that every patient receives quality and compassionate care close to home. For more information visit: www.alabamaoncology.com or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

About ASCO

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the Association for Clinical Oncology are committed to making a world of difference in cancer care. They represent nearly 45,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Through research, education, and promotion of the highest-quality patient care, ASCO works to conquer cancer and create a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. The Association works to ensure that all individuals with cancer have access to high-quality, affordable care; that the cancer care delivery system supports oncology providers in their delivery of optimal cancer care; and that our nation supports federal funding for cancer research as well as efforts centered on cancer prevention, drug development, and clinical trials. Learn more about the Society at www.ASCO.org, explore patient education resources at www.Cancer.Net, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#). Learn more about the Association at www.ascoassociation.org and follow us on [Twitter](#).

About QOPI Certification Program LLC

QOPI® Certification Program, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Association for Clinical Oncology (the Association) and an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (the Society), is dedicated to recognizing exemplary commitment to safety and quality in oncology patient care. Practices that have achieved QOPI® Certification have scored well on key QOPI® quality measures and have met chemotherapy safety standards established by the Society and the Oncology Nursing Society in various areas of treatment and chemotherapy safety.