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The National Pancreas Foundation Announces the Designation of Twenty-Eight NPF Centers for the Treatment and Care of Pancreatic Cancer

BETHESDA, MD – September 14, 2016 – The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF), a nonprofit organization that provides hope for those suffering from pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer, announces the designation of twenty-eight additional National Pancreas Foundation Centers for the treatment and care of patients with pancreatic cancer. NPF Centers are at premier healthcare facilities that focus on multidisciplinary treatment of pancreatic cancer, treating the “whole patient” with a focus on the best possible outcomes and an improved quality of life.

For people coping with pancreatic cancer or other pancreatic disorders today, there are inconsistencies in the level of care they receive. The NPF Centers designation will help facilitate the development of high-quality, multidisciplinary care approaches for the field. Designated centers will also seek to advance research and lead the way for heightened awareness and understanding of pancreatic cancer among community physicians, allied health professionals, patients, families and the general public.

“Being an approved NPF Center is an important recognition,” said NPF Center Task Force member Dr. Eileen O’Reilly. “Having the NPF Center designation will help distinguish institutions whose focus is on a multidisciplinary, patient centered approach to their care.”

Approved NPF Centers had to go through an extensive auditing process and meet the criteria that were developed by a task force made up of invited subject matter experts and patient advocates. The criteria includes having the required expert physician specialties such as oncologists, gastroenterologists, pancreas surgeons, clinical trials, palliative care, and interventional radiologists, along with more patient focused programs such as a pain management service, psychosocial support and more. For a full listing of the criteria, please visit the NPF website.

“NPF Centers are of great value to the whole pancreatic cancer community,” said Matthew Alsante, Executive Director of the National Pancreas Foundation. “These centers will also help to increase awareness of important NPF programs such as the National Patient Registry, the Animated Pancreas Patient and be a vital cog in the sharing and development of best practices.”

For more information about the National Pancreas Foundation, our NPF Centers for pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer, please visit www.pancreasfoundation.org.

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The 28 Newly designated National Pancreas Foundation Centers are:

- Allegheny Health Network
- Baylor College of Medicine, Elkins Pancreas Center
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI)
- Cleveland Clinic
- Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Georgetown University - Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Hackensack Medical Center/John Theurer Cancer Center
- Indiana University School of Medicine
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Mayo Clinic, Rochester
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University
- Providence Cancer Center
- Saint Louis University Cancer Center
- SUNY Upstate
- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- UC San Diego Health - Moores Cancer Center
- University of Florida Health
- University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center
- University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center
- University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
- University of Minnesota Health
- UPMC CancerCenter
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Wake Forest Baptist Health
- Weill Cornell Medical College- New York Presbyterian Hospital

About The National Pancreas Foundation
Founded in 1997, the National Pancreas Foundation provides hope for those suffering from pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer through funding cutting-edge research, advocating for new and better therapies and providing support and education for patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals. The NPF is the only foundation dedicated to patients suffering from all forms of pancreas disease. For more information visit: www.pancreasfoundation.org

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