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NCCN Congratulates Newly Confirmed NIH Director: Monica Bertagnolli, MD, FACS, FASCO

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA [November 9, 2023] — The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)—an alliance of leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education—celebrates the bipartisan confirmation of **Monica Bertagnolli, MD, FACS, FASCO**, as new director of the National Institutes of Health. NCCN affirms that Dr. Bertagnolli is the right person to lead this important work for scientific research and discovery in order to advance health outcomes for all Americans.

“In our role as a cancer guidelines and research organization, we have been fortunate to witness Dr. Bertagnolli’s compassion, knowledge, and dedication to improving healthcare,” said **Crystal S. Denlinger, MD, Chief Executive Officer, NCCN**. “Her experience as both a cancer surgeon and a cancer survivor showcases her 360-degree understanding of what we need to do to enhance healthcare experiences for all. As NCI Director, Dr. Bertagnolli oversaw the launch of an ambitious and necessary National Cancer Plan that prioritizes the kind of quality, effective, equitable, and accessible cancer prevention and care that will enable all patients to live better lives. We look forward to seeing her in this new role elevating treatment and research across the entire health sector.”

NCCN has been a longtime supporter of the [National Cancer Plan](#), including work specifically addressing its various goals. Learn more about NCCN’s efforts regarding healthcare policy in the United States at [NCCN.org/policy](https://www.nccn.org/policy).

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About the National Comprehensive Cancer Network

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® ([NCCN](#)®) is a not-for-profit alliance of [leading cancer centers](#) devoted to patient care, research, and education. NCCN is dedicated to improving and facilitating quality, effective, equitable, and accessible cancer care so all patients can live better lives. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) provide transparent, evidence-based, expert consensus recommendations for cancer treatment, prevention, and supportive services; they are the recognized standard for clinical direction and policy in cancer management and the most thorough and frequently-updated clinical practice guidelines available in any area of medicine. The NCCN Guidelines for Patients® provide expert cancer treatment information to inform and empower patients and caregivers, through support from the [NCCN Foundation](#)®. NCCN also advances continuing education, global initiatives, policy, and research collaboration and publication in oncology. Visit [NCCN.org](https://www.nccn.org) for more information.