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**NORTHWEST CANCER SPECIALISTS NAMES
DR. GREGORY PATTON PRACTICE PRESIDENT**

PORTLAND, Ore., June 18, 2010 – This month, the Board of Northwest Cancer Specialists (NCS) named Dr. Gregory Patton practice president. Dr. Patton has served as chief medical officer at NCS for the last two years and has been treating patients as a radiation oncologist at the Rose Quarter Cancer Center for nine years. Dr. Kevin Olson, NCS former practice president, has stepped down after 10 years of service to allow new leadership to develop within the organization.

Dr. Patton was selected by a committee of his peers as part of an annual election process at Northwest Cancer Specialists. His service on the executive committee and as chief medical officer provides the necessary experience to oversee daily operations of NCS's highly trained staff and work closely with U.S. Oncology to coordinate the practice's administration.

"The NCS board has shown a great deal of trust by electing me the next practice president and it's an honor I take very seriously," said Dr. Patton, practice president of NCS. "I deeply respect Dr. Olson's work and he'll be a tough act to follow. Continuing NCS's tradition of providing outstanding, comprehensive and personalized cancer care will continue to be my focus."

NCS treats each patient as an individual and recognizes the need to combine treatment with education and support, providing people with resources to help manage the emotional side of cancer care. As part of its affiliation with U.S. Oncology, NCS patients have access to a robust clinical trials program, which provides them with extensive treatment options. As part of its new leadership team, Dr. Paul Tseng will serve on NCS's board as vice president and Dr. Jay Andersen will serve as secretary and treasurer.

About Northwest Cancer Specialists

Northwest Cancer Specialists is a regional oncology and hematology practice with a dedicated team of over 40 medical oncologists, hematologists, gynecological 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.

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