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## **DR. DEVON WEBSTER JOINS NORTHWEST CANCER SPECIALISTS**

**PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2, 2009** – A well-known physician with expertise in breast cancer research, treatment, and support is the newest member of the medical team at Northwest Cancer Specialists. Dr. Devon Webster will serve patients at Northwest Cancer Specialists’ Rose Quarter Cancer Center location in Portland. Northwest Cancer Specialists (NCS) is a leading provider of cancer care in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area and its surrounding communities.

Webster, a medical oncologist, comes to Northwest Cancer Specialists from Oregon Health & Science University, where she treated patients, conducted breast cancer research, served as an assistant professor of hematology/medical oncology, and established herself as a statewide leader in advocacy on behalf of breast cancer survivors. As a two-time breast cancer survivor, Webster has a unique connection with her patients. Specializing in breast cancer treatment and research, her approach with patients is both collaborative and empathetic. She understands the range of emotions her patients experience and has the scientific expertise to guide them through the best treatment plan possible.

“Recruiting the best physicians is one way we continue to enhance the quality of cancer care that we provide residents throughout the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area,” said Dr. Kevin Olson, president of Northwest Cancer Specialists. “Dr. Webster shares the dedication of our exceptional medical team and will strengthen our efforts to offer patients the most effective cancer care available today.”

Webster received her medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA. She completed her residency at Oregon Health & Science University and completed her hematology/oncology fellowship at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center at the University of Washington, Seattle. She is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. At Northwest Cancer Specialists, she joins the Breast Cancer Consultation Service group of physicians who focus on breast cancer treatment.

“I am so excited to join this compassionate team of doctors and staff who put patient care as their top priority,” said Webster. “The treatment team at Northwest Cancer Specialists is exceptional, with renowned breast cancer experts who excel in research and patient care. NCS provides me and my patients

greater access to a broad range of clinical trials, which are key to making progress in this disease. The collaborative spirit is palpable here. I couldn't have found a better place.”

In addition to participating in clinical trial research, Webster will continue her lab research as a Visiting Associate Scientist with Legacy Cancer Services. Webster speaks locally and nationally about breast cancer and is politically active in breast cancer advocacy. She sits on the Medical Advisory Committee for the Oregon and SW Washington Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and is a board member of Breast Friends™ in Portland. The team she led for Portland's Komen Race for the Cure®, Positive Margin, was the number-one fundraising team in 2007 and 2008, contributing over \$70,000 toward breast cancer research, screening, and survivor support services. She is a member of the ACT coalition, a lobbying effort to improve all Oregonians' access to clinical trials through new legislation. ([www.ACT-coalition.org](http://www.ACT-coalition.org)).

Northwest Cancer Specialists is a regional oncology and hematology practice with a dedicated team of medical oncologists, hematologists, gynecological oncologists and radiation oncologists. The practice treats approximately 15,000 Portland-Vancouver area patients annually. Northwest Cancer Specialists has seven locations: Adventist Office in Southeast Portland; Meridian Park Office in Tualatin; Providence Office in Northeast Portland; Rose Quarter Cancer Center in Portland; St. Vincent Office in Southwest Portland; Salmon Creek Office in Northeast Vancouver; and Vancouver Cancer Center in Southeast Vancouver.

Northwest Cancer Specialists is affiliated with US Oncology, the nation's foremost cancer treatment and research network accelerating the availability and use of evidence-based medicine and shared best practices. With more than 1,250 physicians at 480 locations in 39 states, the US Oncology network provides Northwest Cancer Specialists with access to the latest advancements in therapies, clinical research and technology, as well as best-in-class clinical and operational processes that help to advance the quality, safety and cost effectiveness of cancer care delivered to patients in a community setting.

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