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Newly Formed Cancer Cooperative Group Selects Name

New group integrates the scientific and operations activities of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB), the North Central Cancer Treatment Group (NCCTG) and the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG)

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology (“Alliance”) has been selected as the name for the newly formed cooperative group, which will integrate the scientific and operations functions of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB), the North Central Cancer Treatment Group (NCCTG) and the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG). More than 2,000 members of the three groups selected the name by electronic ballot.

The governing boards of CALGB, NCCTG and ACOSOG have endorsed the proposed Alliance constitution, bylaws and transition plan. The first Alliance Board of Directors Meeting will be held on July 15, 2011, in Chicago. Each group has selected delegates to attend the meeting and establish the governance structure of the new group.

The Alliance scientific program leaders, along with scientific leadership from CALGB, NCCTG and ACOSOG, will meet in September, in Chicago, to define the group’s scientific agenda going forward.

The first joint Alliance meeting, which will include all members, will be held November 17-19, 2011, in Chicago.

For more information on Alliance activities, visit the group’s Web site at www.Alliance-website.org.

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