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MaineHealth to Partner with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to Enhance Quality Cancer Care in Northern New England

PORTLAND, Maine – Maine’s largest healthcare provider is teaming with one of the nation’s foremost cancer specialty institutes, giving the people of southern Maine and Carroll County, N.H., improved access to the best possible cancer care.

MaineHealth has formed a partnership with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Boston, by which cancer patients at the 11 MaineHealth member and affiliated hospitals will have streamlined access to Dana-Farber for complex specialty care and clinical trials. Dana-Farber will provide consultation, training, and other services to physicians and their teams throughout the MaineHealth system.

MaineHealth and Dana-Farber will also work together to expand or develop a wide range of survivorship, second-opinion, education, and personalized medicine initiatives offered by MaineHealth.

The agreement creates a full continuum of cancer care to be offered through MaineHealth, starting with many treatments that can be provided close to home at local hospitals. More complex cases can be addressed at Maine Medical Center, the state’s largest tertiary care hospital. And finally, for the most complex and challenging cases, Dana Farber’s resources can be leveraged to provide the most advanced treatments and clinical trials.

“We seek high-quality partners in cancer care to enable patients to stay close to home as much as possible, either for all of their care or after the most intensive, complex treatments,” said Bill Caron, president of MaineHealth. “This partnership brings together Dana-Farber’s world-renowned cancer expertise and MaineHealth’s comprehensive health system to create an unprecedented range of options for cancer patients throughout the region.”

“We are excited to formalize the strong relationship we already have with MaineHealth,” said Edward J. Benz, Jr., M.D., president of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, “and we look forward to working together more closely to ease the burden of cancer in northern New England.”

About MaineHealth

MaineHealth is a not-for-profit family of leading high-quality providers and other healthcare organizations working together so their communities are the healthiest in America. Ranked among the nation's top 100 integrated healthcare delivery networks, MaineHealth member organizations include Maine Medical Center, Franklin Community Health Network, Lincoln County Healthcare, Maine Behavioral Healthcare, Memorial Hospital, Pen Bay Healthcare, Southern Maine Health Care, Waldo County Healthcare, Western Maine Health, HomeHealth Visiting Nurses, NorDx and Synernet. Affiliates of MaineHealth include MaineGeneral Health, Mid Coast-Parkview Health, New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland and St. Mary's Health System. www.mainehealth.org

About Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

From achieving the first remissions in childhood cancer with chemotherapy in 1948, to developing the very latest new therapies, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world’s leading centers of cancer research and treatment. It is the only center ranked in the top 4 of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Hospitals for both adult and pediatric cancer care.

Dana-Farber sits at the center of a wide range of collaborative efforts to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. [Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Center](#) provides the latest in cancer care for adults; [Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center](#) for children. The [Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center](#) unites the cancer research efforts of five Harvard academic medical centers and two graduate schools, while [Dana-Farber Community Cancer Care](#) provides high quality cancer treatment in communities outside Boston’s Longwood Medical Area.

Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique, 50/50 balance between cancer research and care, and much of the Institute's work is dedicated to translating the results of its discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world.

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