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About the QOPI® Certification Program [1]

The QOPI® Certification Program (QCP?), an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), was launched in 2010 to recognize medical oncology and hematology/oncology practices that are committed to delivering the highest quality of cancer care.

QCP evaluates an individual practice?s performance in areas that affect patient care and safety. QCP builds on ASCO?s Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI), a voluntary program to help medical oncology and hematology/oncology practices evaluate the quality of the care they provide to patients. Data are collected and compared to more than 100 quality measures (aspects of care based on published care recommendations and expert opinion).

To achieve QOPI Certification, a practice must have participated in QOPI and met or exceeded a benchmark score on measures that compared the quality of its care against national standards. A practice then undergoes an on-site review and peer review by a select team of oncology professionals, such as physicians and nurses, at least once every three years. Certification is awarded when a practice meets QCP?s standards.

What this means for patients is that a practice location that is QOPI Certified is committed to delivering the highest quality of cancer care. QOPI Certification relates to a practice location, but not to individual doctors within the practice. In addition to considering a practice?s commitment to care, it is important for you to feel comfortable with your doctor [2].

To learn more about the QOPI Certification Program, visit http://qopi.asco.org/certification [3] or download a patient brochure [4] (PDF).

For a list of currently QOPI Certified practice locations, visit http://qopi.asco.org/certifiedpractices [5].

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