

ASCO QOPI[®] Certification Program

Recognizing Excellence in Cancer Care:

What does this mean for a patient with cancer?

WHAT THE QOPI[®] CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MEANS FOR YOU

Being diagnosed with cancer is difficult. You may be stunned by the diagnosis, and you will have many challenging decisions to make; however, you can take comfort in your choice of where to receive cancer treatment because this practice has been certified through the QOPI[®] Certification Program, an affiliate of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), making this oncology practice special. By choosing a practice that is currently certified by the QOPI[®] Certification Program, you know that you've selected a practice that is committed to delivering high-quality cancer care.

YOUR CANCER CARE IS PROVIDED BY A PRACTICE RECOGNIZED BY A LEADING ORGANIZATION

ASCO is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. Your doctor is one of nearly 45,000 ASCO members from around the world committed to conquering cancer through research, education, prevention, and the delivery of high-quality patient care.

YOUR ONCOLOGY PRACTICE'S DEDICATION TO PROVIDING QUALITY CARE

ASCO's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI[®]) is a voluntary, self-assessment and improvement program launched by ASCO in 2006 to help hematology oncology and medical oncology practices assess the quality of the care they provide to patients. QOPI[®] analyzes individual practice data and compares it to more than 100 quality measures. The information is then provided in reports to participating practices, and they can compare their performance to that of other practices across the country.

To achieve QOPI[®] Certification, this oncology practice participated in QOPI[®] and met or exceeded a benchmark score on measures that compared the quality of their care against national standards. Your practice then underwent an on-site review and peer review by a select team of oncology professionals, such as physicians and nurses to evaluate the practice's performance in areas that affect patient care and safety. The areas evaluated include:

- Qualifications of practice staff
- Chart documentation
- Chemotherapy preparation and administration
- Patient monitoring and assessment
- Preparedness for emergency situations.

Those practices that earn the QOPI[®] Certification designation have scored well on these and other QOPI[®] quality measures and have met chemotherapy safety standards established by ASCO and the Oncology Nursing Society.

INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

ASCO has been expanding both QOPI[®] and QOPI[®] Certification Program internationally. Currently, there are QOPI[®] Certified practices in Brazil, Greece, and Spain that have met nationally recognized standards for quality cancer care for outpatient hematology-oncology practices.

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If you would like to learn more about ASCO, visit [asco.org](https://www.asco.org). To learn more about QOPI[®] Certification, go to practice.asco.org/qopi-certification. To find information on coping with a cancer diagnosis and understanding cancer treatments, tests, and side effects, go to ASCO's patient information website Cancer.Net.

