



Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology *"Caring for the whole person"*

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Daffodils Days Celebrated at Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center in Weymouth --Hingham Patient Shares Stories with Joyce Kulhawik—

Weymouth, MA- Joyce Kulhawik, formerly of WBZ-TV, recently visited Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center (CACC) in Weymouth, Mass., to celebrate the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Pictured with Kulhawik is Hingham resident Lois P. Hayden, a CACC patient, with President of Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology, Walt A. Kagan, M.D., Ph.D. Kulhawik, who marked 25 years as the spokesperson for Daffodil Days this year, delivered daffodils--the first flower of spring--to the patients of CACC as a sign of hope in their fights against cancer. Kulhawik also toured the center's new Radiation Oncology suite. More than \$470,000 has been raised

through the sale of daffodils this year to support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days program supports the Society's fight against cancer through sales of the first flower of spring - the flower of hope. Volunteers help coordinate sales and deliveries to local schools, businesses and individuals. Daffodils arrive during the first week of spring, and all money raised supports the Society's mission of research, education, advocacy and patient services.

CACC

Commonwealth Atrius Cancer Center (CACC) in Weymouth, Mass., the first comprehensive, freestanding cancer center in the area, is a collaboration between Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology (CHO) and Atrius Health. CACC, features personalized, multidisciplinary cancer care with all non-surgical cancer care services—medical oncology, radiation oncology, imaging, and other allied health services—under one roof. The radiation oncology suite, operated by Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (an affiliate of Atrius Health), offers the area's most advanced radiation therapy. For more information, visit www.CommonwealthAtrius.com.

CHO

Commonwealth Hematology-Oncology (CHO), with offices and clinical sites throughout Massachusetts, is the largest private practice cancer care network in New England. Known for its leadership in community-based cancer care, CHO physicians have been caring for patients for over three decades. CHO was the first group practice in the state to develop treatment guidelines for specific cancers, the first to develop a computerized software program for chemotherapy ordering, the first to create a patient advocacy program, and the only area practice to be selected by the National Cancer Institute to offer a community-based clinical trials program. For more information, visit www.chomed.com.

Atrius

Five community-based, multi-specialty medical groups—Dedham Medical Associates, Granite Medical, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Southboro Medical Group, and South Shore Medical Center—have joined together as Atrius Health to create a better approach to patients' health. Building on a long and proud history of high quality and preventive care for Massachusetts residents, Atrius Health cares for nearly 600,000 adult

and pediatric patients across more than 35 specialties, from obstetrics to pediatrics, including hematology/oncology, radiation oncology, dental services, cardiology, ophthalmology, sports medicine, allergy, dermatology, surgery, and behavioral health. With more than 700 physicians and 1,000 other medical professionals, Atrius Health serves patients at 30 convenient practice locations in eastern Massachusetts.

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