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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to let you know about changes taking place within the Indiana Medical Oncology Society (IMOS).

The Board of Directors recently agreed to a proposal submitted by the Hoosier Oncology Office Practice Society (HOOPS) to unite with IMOS and maximize the synergies and power of the two groups. The Board also decided to:

- Change the name of the state society to the Indiana Oncology Society (IOS) in the belief that it would attract a greater variety of oncology professionals and represent a more inclusive oncology society, and
- Permit allied health professionals engaged in the administration, care and/or treatment of patients with cancer to be associate members, vote, and hold certain positions on the Board of Directors not to include President and President-Elect.

To effect these changes and recognize the unification of IMOS and HOOPS, Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the State of Indiana so that IOS will be a registered non-profit corporation.

The Board of Directors believes that these are positive and exciting changes to our state oncology society that will result in a more dynamic, representative group of professionals who are involved in the full spectrum of oncologic service delivery

To celebrate the creation of this more inclusive, contemporary state society, IOS will be sponsoring a Membership Conference to take place at **The Westin Indianapolis on Friday, October 16, 2009**. We have a terrific day-long program planned for the entire cancer care team (see the attached agenda). Please mark the date on your calendars and plan now to attend.

The Board of Directors feels confident that the changes in the state society reflect a new and invigorating direction for oncology professionals in Indiana. Thank you for your continued support of our state oncology society and your understanding that we have greater potential to influence public policy concerning oncology by speaking with one, unified voice. Please visit our new website at www.ios-indiana.com, and direct any questions you may have to me at mbrowning@ohaev.com.

Cordially,



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