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New Medical Director and Oncologist Joins June E. Nylen Cancer Center

The June E. Nylen Cancer Center (JENCC) is excited to welcome a new Medical Director and practicing Medical Oncologist and Hematologist. Matthew Obinna Nwaneri, MD, MBA, joins JENCC from practicing at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center in Iowa City and teaching medical students at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

Dr. Nwaneri's work has focused on breast cancer care, female gynecological cancers (cervical and ovarian), lung cancer, and improving cancer care access for rural Iowans and underserved populations, especially rural oncology practices. Dr. Nwaneri also has extensive experience in carcinomas of unknown primary site.

Dr. Nwaneri is the current President of the Iowa Oncology Society where he is leading efforts to improve cancer care for patients in Iowa. He is also an active member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association, and American Association for Cancer Research.

Dr. Nwaneri is board certified in medical oncology and board eligible in internal medicine and hematology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a 1989 graduate of the University of Nigeria, Enugu, Nigeria, and completed his pre-registration one-year internship at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital; Internal Medicine Residency at Abbott Northwestern Hospital – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and his fellowship in Hematology, Oncology, and Bone and Marrow Transplantation at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. He also received an Executive Master of Business Administration from the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Nwaneri has worked in private practice for 8 years, and 10 years in academic practice and has over 32 years of clinical and administrative experience. He has also set up an oncology practice in Lagos, Nigeria, from the ground up and continues periodic volunteer efforts in Nigeria to improve cancer care education and access to quality oncology training for caregivers there.

"I bring a wide range of experiences and expertise," says Dr. Nwaneri. "This helps me relate to all patients faced with a cancer diagnosis. I talk to patients and their families in a way to help them understand their illness, explore world-class treatment options, and make viable value-based choices. In all this, we continue to have hope and a plan for their care, at such a trying time for all concerned."

Dr. Nwaneri is excited to join the Siouxland medical community. "I am excited to be part of a very progressive forward-thinking medical leadership in the Siouxland community and at the June E. Nylen Cancer Center. Health care leaders have come together to build an excellent cancer program that is supported by the area, MercyOne, and UnityPoint Health. This is an ideal and, at the same time, a unique relationship that I am looking forward to be a part of and learning from."

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About June E. Nylen Cancer Center (JENCC)

The June E. Nylen Cancer Center (JENCC) opened its doors in 1995 as the Siouxland Regional Cancer Center, a joint venture of MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center and UnityPoint Health – St. Luke's. It was one of the first freestanding cancer centers in the Midwest. In December 2004, the name was changed to the June E. Nylen Cancer Center following a generous gift from Mark Nylen in memory of his mother.

Since opening, JENCC has led the region in comprehensive cancer care, offering medical oncology, radiation oncology and hematology services. Each day about 150 patients come to our facility for hope and healing. JENCC has advanced chemotherapy and radiation treatments, state-of-the-art technology, access to clinical trials and many additional best practices in patient care. We also offer a full array of beneficial support services including patient advocates who help navigate the cancer journey, nutritional care, emotional and educational resources, a complimentary wig boutique, support groups and more. Altogether, 7 providers and a staff of more than 100 professionals work together to bring the highest quality, compassionate care to thousands in our community, including at several medical oncology and hematology satellite locations in Northwest Iowa for the convenience of patients in outlying areas.

For more information about the June E. Nylen Cancer Center, visit our website at <https://nylencancercenter.com/>.

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