NRG Oncology Group Chair Receives American College of Radiology’s Gold Medal Award for Extraordinary Service and Visionary Leadership

Philadelphia, PA—Walter J. Curran Jr., MD, FACR, NRG Oncology Group Chair and Executive Director of the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University in Atlanta, will be one of three radiology professionals to receive a Gold Medal from the American College of Radiology (ACR) at the college’s annual meeting on May 15, 2016. The ACR Gold Medal, awarded by the Board of Chancellors, recognizes individuals that have displayed exceptional, professional contributions to the ACR and to the discipline of radiology.

Curran will be receiving this award for his numerous accomplishments within the radiation oncology community, and most especially with the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) and the NRG Oncology Group. Prior to the formation of NRG Oncology in 2014 he served as the RTOG group chair from 1997 and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the RTOG Foundation.

“The ACR’s Board of Chancellors (BOC) – and now the radiology community – will recognize the visionary leadership and extraordinary service of Drs. Curran, Davis, and Williams. They embody the best in today’s medicine in their work as physicians and as contributors to the specialty”, said Bibb Allen Jr., MD, FACR, chair, American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors.

Dr. Curran is an international expert in advanced lung cancer and malignant brain tumors and the Lawrence W. Davis Professor and Chair at Emory University School of Medicine’s Department of Radiation Oncology. He is responsible for a defining a universally adopted staging system for patients with malignant glioma and was the first radiation oncologist to serve as director of a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

“Receiving the ACR Gold Award is a distinct honor for me, but it is also a recognition of the work done by RTOG and NRG Oncology investigators and staff to improve the lives of cancer patients through the execution of high-quality clinical trials,” says Curran. “ACR’s decades-long support of this research has been instrumental in the success of both RTOG and NRG Oncology.”

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NRG Oncology conducts practice-changing, multi-institutional clinical and translational research to improve the lives of patients with cancer. Founded in 2012, NRG Oncology is a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit corporation that integrates the research of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, and the Gynecologic Oncology Group. The research organization seeks to carry out clinical trials with emphases on gender-specific malignancies, including gynecologic, breast, and prostate cancers, and on localized or locally advanced cancers of all types. NRG Oncology’s extensive research organization comprises multidisciplinary investigators, including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, physicists, pathologists, and statisticians, and encompasses more than 1300 research sites located world-wide with predominance in the United States and Canada. NRG Oncology is supported primarily through grants from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and is one of five research groups in the NCI’s National Clinical Trials Network.