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**New Network Chair of Cancer Service Line Joins Western Connecticut Health Network**

*Margo Shoup, MD will oversee the comprehensive cancer program and services across Connecticut and New York*

DANBURY, Connecticut, April 16, 2019 — Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN) announced the appointment of Margo Shoup, MD, FACS as the new network chair of the cancer service line. Dr. Shoup will provide strategic and clinical leadership for all aspects of WCHN's cancer services, including medical oncology and subspecialty practices.

In her role as network chair, Dr. Shoup will oversee the integration of cancer services, especially as WCHN forms a new, unified innovative health system with Health Quest, to be called Nuvance Health. Cancer services include diagnostic imaging, genetic counseling, medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, research and clinical trials, and support services.

Dr. Shoup will also develop multidisciplinary disease management teams. Specialists and services dedicated to specific types of cancer will wrap around patients. Patients will have the most advanced and expert diagnoses, treatments, and care plans delivered expeditiously and conveniently in the same health network.

"In my former role, I fell in love with the community setting. So now I am looking forward to helping the communities in Connecticut and New York that WCHN serves," said Dr. Shoup. "Together, with the excellent teams already in place at WCHN, we will continue to build on the existing cancer programs so that people have access to top-notch community-based care without traveling far. It's up to us to make this happen, and we can."

Dr. Shoup will also manage the first-of-its-kind cancer care collaboration with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) that successfully launched at Norwalk Hospital in 2017. The aim of the unique collaboration is to accelerate access to the newest cancer treatments for residents of Fairfield County, Connecticut. To learn more about MSK physicians at Norwalk Hospital visit [MSKatNorwalk.org](https://www.mskcc.org/norwalk).

"I was eager to join WCHN because of the quality physicians and care teams here, who all have great ideas and are so vested in caring for their patients. Through my role, I intend to facilitate implementing these ideas for the better health of our patients," said Dr. Shoup.

### **About Dr. Margo Shoup**

Dr. Shoup is a nationally recognized surgical oncologist with expertise in gastrointestinal cancers. She joins WCHN from Chicago, IL where she was the medical leader of cancer services for Northwestern Medicine Cancer Centers, West Region, and the director of surgical oncology for Northwestern Medicine Regional Medical Group. Under Dr. Shoup's leadership, quality measures moved from the second or third quartile to the top decile, and patient satisfaction scores improved from the 35th percentile to the 99th across the cancer program. Dr. Shoup was also a professor of surgery at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Shoup currently serves as president of the Central Surgical Association, and treasurer of the Western Surgical Association. She is also a member of the Society for Surgical Oncology, the Society of University Surgeons, and the Southern Surgical Association. From 2012 to 2018, she was a director of the American Board of Surgery, as the representative for the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Shoup received her medical degree from Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. She completed her general surgery residency and research fellowship at Loyola University in Maywood, IL where she was also the chief administrative resident for the department of surgery. She then completed her surgical oncology fellowship at MSK in New York, NY.

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### **About Western Connecticut Health Network**

WCHN and Health Quest have combined to form a new nonprofit health system. The name for the new health system will be Nuvance Health (pronounced NEW-vance). Nuvance Health's mission will be to continually make progress and pursue impossible, so we can improve the lives of every person in each of the communities we serve. Nuvance Health will serve 1.5 million residents across New York and Connecticut and includes more than 2,600 aligned physicians, 12,000 employees, seven hospitals (Danbury Hospital, New Milford

Hospital, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, Putnam Hospital Center, Sharon Hospital, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center), a large network of primary care and specialty practices, and multiple affiliated organizations. To learn more about Nuvance Health, visit our [website](#).

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