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St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) Administrator Named President of the Association of Community Cancer Centers

ROCKVILLE, MD — Luana Lamkin, RN, MPH, Administrator for St. Luke's MSTI was named President of the Association of Community Cancer Centers at its 35th Annual Meeting on March 20.

Lamkin has more than 25 years of oncology experience including serving as administrator of MSTI since 2004. MSTI serves patients at 12 different locations in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon.

"I am honored to serve as President of the Association of Community Cancer Centers," Lamkin said. "During my year as ACCC President, I hope to shine a light on the coming professional workforce shortage in oncology, particularly oncology nursing. Through the forums of the ACCC national meetings and publications, we must explore ways to prepare for this inevitability via developing new staffing strategies, encouraging young people to go into oncology careers, and advocating for greater federal funding to meet the educational needs."

Lamkin has served on ACCC's Board of Directors since 2002 and has been active on ACCC's Bylaws Committee, Program Committee, and Membership Committee.

She served as the national treasurer of the Oncology Nursing Society from 1998-2002 and a six-year term as a member of the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. She has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

Ms. Lamkin has published numerous articles about the delivery of oncology care in the community setting and has presented at national and international conferences. Her areas of expertise include trends in national oncology care, strategic planning, cancer program development, and nurse staffing issues, including the nursing shortage. She has received numerous awards, including the ACS Lane Adams Award and the Excellence in Nursing Administration from ONS.

Ms. Lamkin received her master's of public health degree in health administration from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, after receiving her bachelor's of science degree in nursing at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

ACCC provides a national forum for addressing issues that affect community cancer programs, such as regulatory and legislative issues, measurements of the quality of care, and clinical research. Its unique membership of more than 670 hospital cancer programs and oncology private practices includes all members of the cancer care team: medical and radiation oncologists, surgeons, cancer program administrators and medical directors, pharmacists, oncology nurses, oncology social workers, and cancer program data managers. For more information, visit ACCC's website at www.accc-cancer.org.

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