

Oncology & Hematology of South Texas, PA

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Oncology and Hematology of South Texas, P.A. in Laredo, Texas, Receives Recognition for High-Quality Cancer Care from Largest Oncology Society in United States

Laredo, Texas – **Oncology and Hematology of South Texas, P.A.** has been recognized by the QOPI® Certification Program LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®), as successfully completing a three-year certification program for outpatient hematology-oncology practices that meet nationally recognized standards for quality cancer care. The QOPI® Certification Program builds on ASCO's Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®).

"We're extremely proud to receive this certification from the QOPI® Certification Program. It underscores our commitment to excellence for our patients and is something our practice has been working diligently to achieve in order to deliver the highest level of care." said Eduardo Miranda, M.D., F.A.C.P.

In applying for certification, **Oncology and Hematology of South Texas, P.A.** participated in a voluntary comprehensive site assessment against clearly specified standards that are consistent with national guidelines and was successful in meeting the standards and objectives of the QOPI® Certification Program.

"ASCO's QOPI® Certification is voluntary, so a practice that undertakes this process is demonstrating its commitment to providing patients with high quality care," said ASCO President Howard A. "Skip" Burris III, MD, FACP, FASCO. "A practice that achieves Certification has evaluated its processes, benchmarked its performance against other top-performing practices, and can be confident in its dedication to quality and safety excellence, as well as continues quality improvement."

QOPI® is a voluntary self-assessment and improvement program launched by ASCO in 2006 to help hematology-oncology and medical oncology practices assess the quality of the care they

provide to patients. Through QOPI[®], practices abstract data from patients' records up to twice per year and enter this information into a secure database. More than 750 oncology practices have registered for QOPI[®].

The QOPI[®] Certification Program, LLC was launched in January 2010, and nearly 300 practices are currently certified. This certification for outpatient oncology practices is the first program of its kind for oncology in the United States and in 2016 was expanded internationally. The QOPI[®] Certification Program seal designates those practices that successfully met the standards and objectives of the QOPI[®] Certification Program, which includes scoring above the threshold on the key QOPI[®] quality measures and meeting chemotherapy safety standards established by ASCO and the Oncology Nursing Society.

QOPI[®] analyzes individual practice data and compares these to more than 170 evidence-based and consensus quality measures. The information is then provided in reports to participating practices. Individual practices also are able to compare their performance to data from other practices across the country. Based on this feedback, doctors and practices can identify areas for improvement.

To become QOPI[®] Certified, practices have to submit to an evaluation of their entire practice and documentation standards. The QOPI[®] Certification Program staff and committee members then verify through an on-site survey that the evaluation and documents are correct and that the practices met core standards in areas of treatment, including:

- Creating a safe environment—staffing, competencies, and general policy
- Treatment planning, patient consent, and education
- Ordering, preparing, dispensing, and administering chemotherapy
- Monitoring after chemotherapy is administered, including adherence, toxicity, and complications
- Treatment planning
- Staff training and education
- Chemotherapy orders and drug preparation
- Patient consent and education
- Safe chemotherapy administration
- Monitoring and assessment of patient well-being.

QOPI[®] and the QOPI[®] Certification Program are projects dedicated to innovative quality improvement programs. For more information, please visit: <https://practice.asco.org/quality-improvement/quality-programs>.

About Oncology and Hematology of South Texas, P.A.:

Oncology and Hematology of South Texas P.A. is a community-based oncology and hematology practice owned by Eduardo Miranda, M.D., a triple board certified specialist in medical oncology, hematology and internal medicine.

The practice has 8 exam rooms and 18 private infusion rooms with comfortable reclining chairs, flat screen TVs, Wi-Fi access, and experienced nurses and assistants that are available to provide a caring environment to help assist every patient with their treatment needs. The state of art infusion center administers not only the standard chemotherapy regimens, but also the newest monoclonal antibodies, hormonal therapy, hydration, and treatments for anemia and other hematology disorders.

About ASCO:

Founded in 1964, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®) is committed to making a world of difference in cancer care. As the world's leading organization of its kind, ASCO represents nearly 45,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Through research, education, and promotion of the highest-quality patient care, ASCO works to conquer cancer and create a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. ASCO's Conquer Cancer Foundation supports the Society by funding groundbreaking research and education across cancer's full continuum. Learn more at www.ASCO.org, explore patient education resources at www.Cancer.Net, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).

About QOPI Certification Program LLC

QOPI Certification Program LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®) dedicated to recognizing exemplary commitment to safety and quality in oncology patient care. Practices that have achieved QOPI® Certification have scored well on key QOPI® quality measures and have met chemotherapy safety standards established by ASCO and the Oncology Nursing Society in various areas of treatment and chemotherapy safety.