

## **VANTAGE ONCOLOGY ACQUIRES EASTGATE & CROOKSHANK CANCER CENTERS**

### **Providing the Greater Cincinnati Area with Expanding Cancer Treatment Options**

CINCINNATI, Ohio (July 25, 2006) –Vantage Oncology Inc., an El Segundo, Calif.-based developer and operator of state-of-the-art radiation oncology centers, recently announced its acquisition of two cancer centers, Eastgate Cancer Center and Crookshank Cancer Center, located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Vantage Oncology will provide management services in addition to investing in both facility and technology upgrades, including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT). IMRT is an advanced clinical treatment option that permits precise targeting of radiation to a tumor, sparing critical normal tissues, providing for better outcomes and fewer side effects for patients. In addition to the Eastgate and Crookshank Cancer Centers, Vantage Oncology has a joint venture partnership and operates Vantage Oncology at InterCommunity Cancer Center in Cincinnati and provides technical and administrative services to Middletown Cancer Center in Middletown, Ohio. The radiation oncologists from Oncology Partners Network provide physician services at Intercommunity, Eastgate and Middletown Cancer Centers as well as Mercy Anderson, Mercy Clermont and Good Samaritan Hospitals.

“Our relationship with Vantage Oncology and their national network of radiation therapy centers allows us to leverage clinical and operational support while advancing state-of-the-art radiation oncology treatment options for patients within the Metropolitan Cincinnati area,” said Thomas Morand, M.D., Medical Director of InterCommunity Cancer Center located on the campus of Mercy Mt. Airy Hospital. “With the acquisition of the Eastgate and Crookshank Cancer Centers, we are able to expand our market presence, deploy capital for facility and technology upgrades and enhance physician recruitment opportunities.”

“With our acquisition of InterCommunity Cancer Center and our affiliation with the radiation oncologists of Oncology Partners Network, we have executed on our expansion in the Cincinnati market with the acquisition of Eastgate and Crookshank Cancer Centers,” said Mark Ahern, Chief Development Officer for Vantage Oncology. “It is our goal to execute on strategic expansion opportunities within existing markets with our physician partners.”

### **About Oncology Partners Network**

Oncology Partners Network (OPN) was formed in 1997 to provide integrated oncology services to patients in Cincinnati. It is comprised of three board certified radiation oncologists providing advanced, state-of-the-art radiation therapy services at InterCommunity Cancer Center as well as five medical oncologists. OPN is one of the premier radiation oncology groups in the Cincinnati area with a proven record of clinical excellence.

## **About Vantage Oncology, Inc.**

Founded in May 2002, Vantage Oncology, Inc. develops, acquires, manages and operates state-of-the-art radiation oncology centers. El Segundo, Calif.-based Vantage Oncology is led by a seasoned management team, including Chief Executive Officer Michael Fiore, Chief Medical Officer Leslie Botnick, MD, Chief Financial Officer Marshal Salomon and Chief Development Officer Mark Ahern. Vantage Oncology was created in response to the growing need among cancer patients, hospitals and physicians for accessible and advanced radiation treatment therapies and was funded by CCP Equity Partners, New Enterprise Associates, Versant Ventures and Salix Ventures. For more information about Vantage Oncology, visit [www.vantageoncology.com](http://www.vantageoncology.com).

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