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AACI Members Choose Dr. George Weiner as President-Elect

The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) congratulates George Weiner, MD, on his election as the association's vice-president/president-elect.

Dr. Weiner is director of the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa. He is also the C.E. Block Chair of Cancer Research, Professor of Internal Medicine, and a faculty member in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Immunology at the University of Iowa.

In a statement submitted to AACI members prior to the election, Dr. Weiner said that he would like to focus his AACI presidency on "the academic difference", a reference to the increasingly central role that academic cancer centers play in cancer patient care and research. This is based on the unique ability of AACI centers to explore the complex molecular makeup of cancer in individual patients, and use that information to provide the best possible multidisciplinary care for each patient while also advancing cancer research.

Dr. Weiner's term began January 1 and he will become AACI president in the fall of 2014. He served as a member of the AACI Board of Directors from 2004-2007 and currently chairs the AACI New Initiative committee.

"I look forward to George's expanded leadership role with AACI," said AACI Executive Director Barbara Duffy Stewart. "As an administrator and researcher, George possesses an exemplary skill set that will serve AACI well as it continues to support its members' collaborative drive toward a cancer-free world."

Dr. Weiner received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and his MD from The Ohio State University. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at the Medical College of Ohio and a Hematology and Oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan where he also trained in tumor immunology.

Dr. Weiner has been a faculty member at the University of Iowa since 1989, is currently President of the Board of Directors for the Iowa Cancer Consortium, and recently completed a term as chair of the Governmental Affairs for the American Society of Hematology.

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