

# National Oncology Networks and Practices in Iowa

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# Today's Presenter



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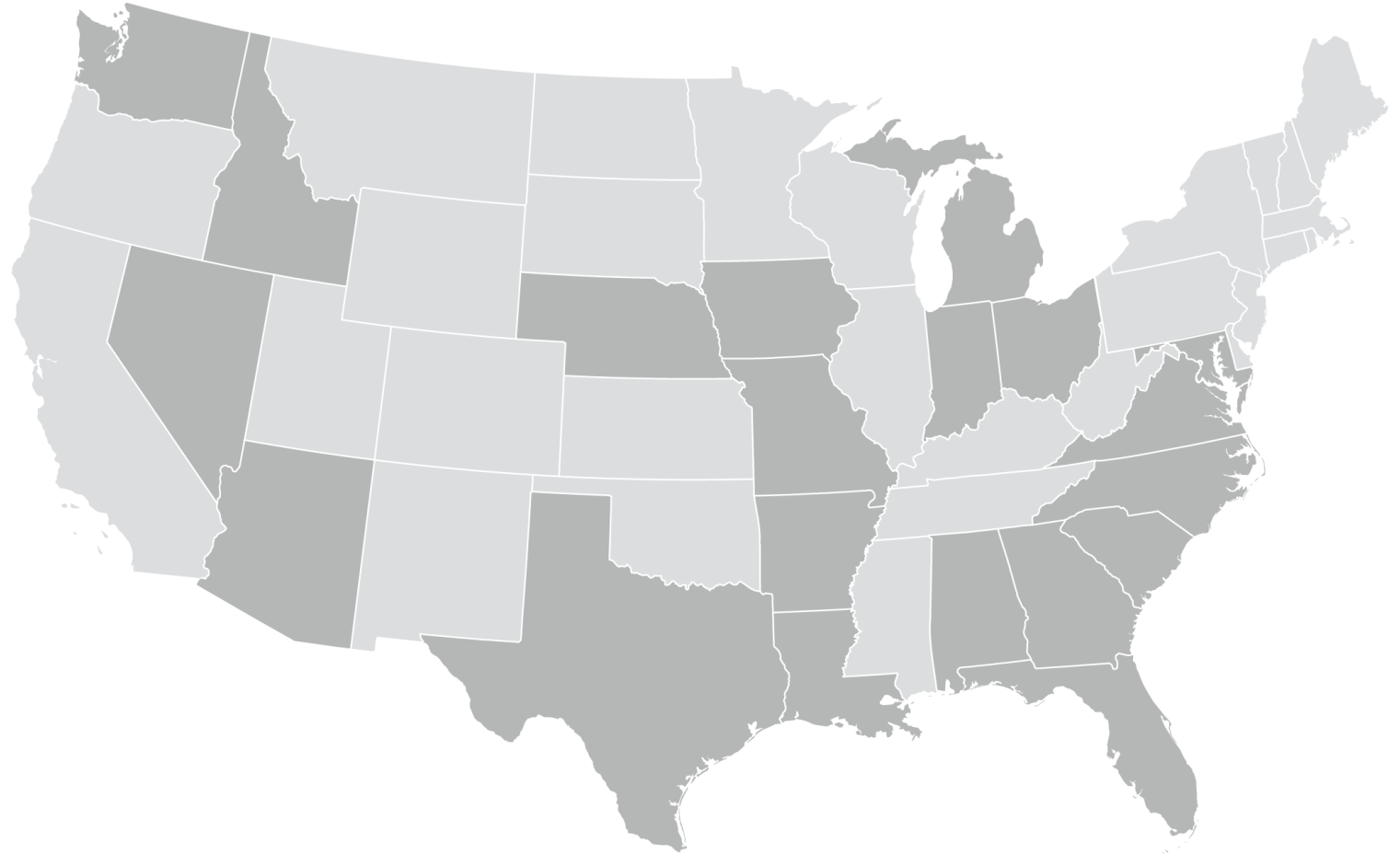
24 years experience in development  
of healthcare provider organizations



# American Oncology Network Snapshot

- ◆ **36** Practices
- ◆ **220+** Providers
- ◆ **100+** Locations<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ **20** States (+ DC)

<sup>1</sup>Includes management services clients

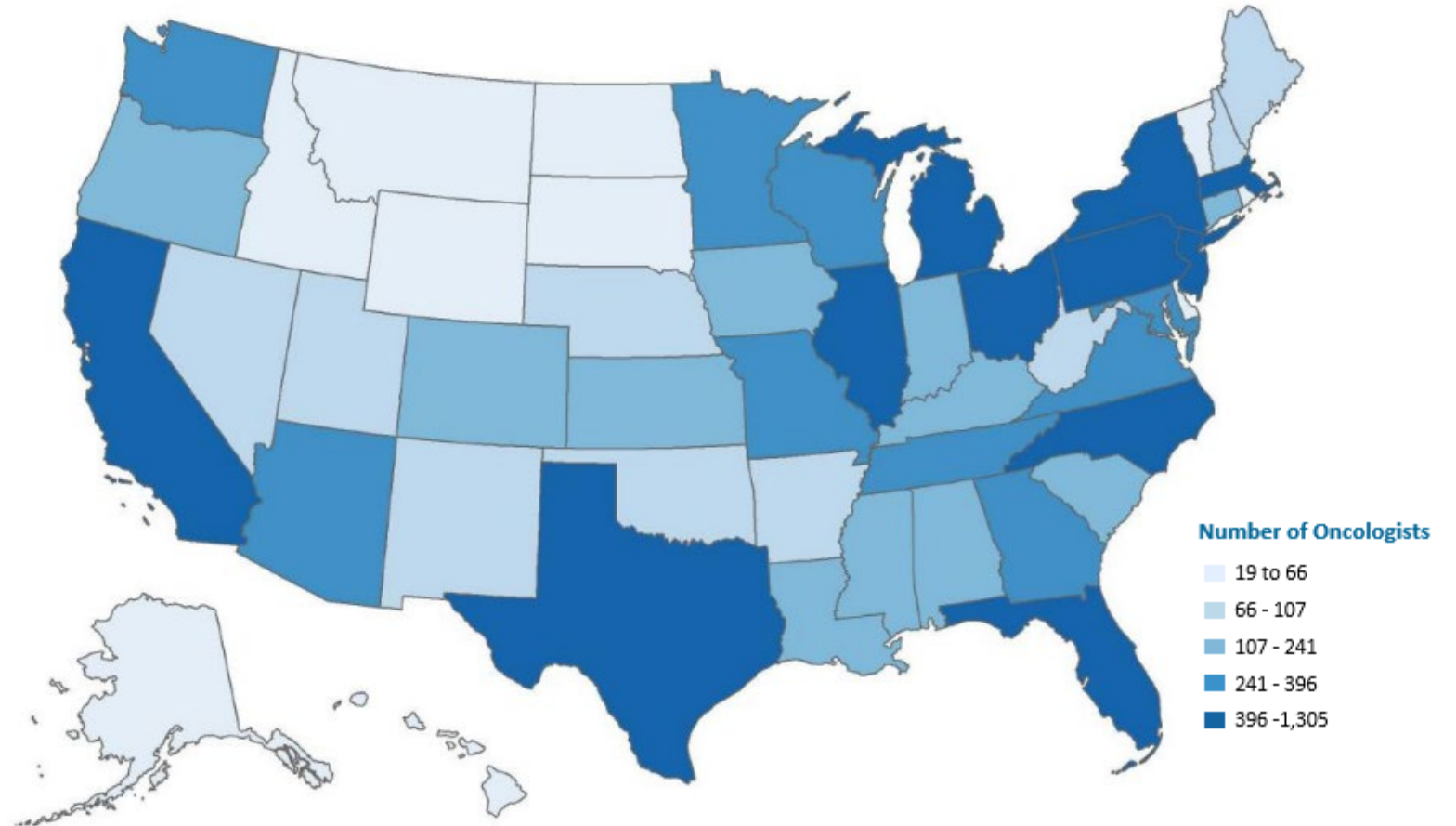


AON is building one of the fastest growing networks of community oncology practices, helping deliver high-quality cancer care across the United States



# The Oncologist Landscape

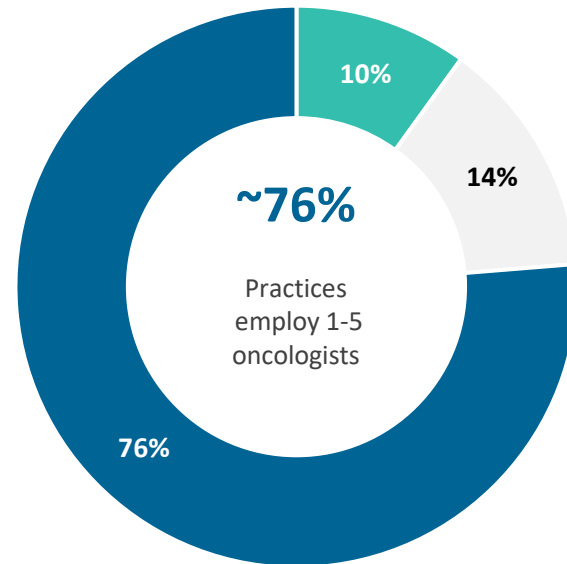
- ◆ **~13,300** Oncologists in the U.S.
- ◆ **~1 in 5** Oncologists approaching retirement age
- ◆ **>2,200** Estimated oncologist shortage by 2025



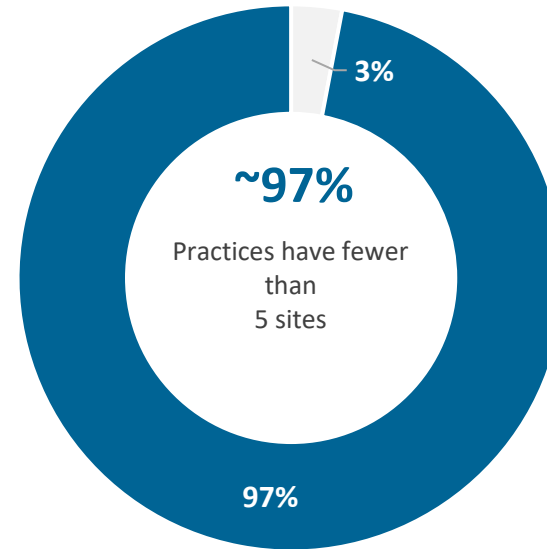


# The Oncology Practice Landscape

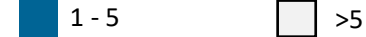
## Highly Fragmented Market <sup>(1)</sup>



Number of Oncologists per Practice



Number of Sites



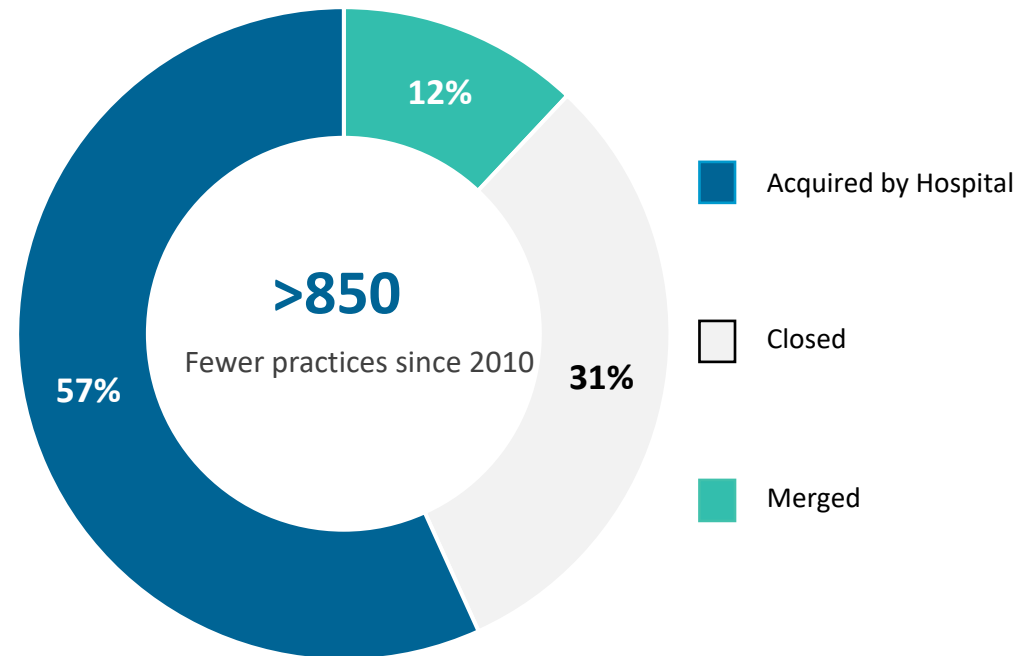
A highly fragmented market, oncology is (has been) ripe for consolidation based on necessity for the providers and opportunity for the consolidators



# Drivers of Consolidation

- ◆ Financial pressures are driving increased consolidation
- ◆ Hospitals and large practices are employing more oncologists than ever
- ◆ Key provider headwinds include:
  - Sequestration
  - Transition to VBC/APM programs
  - Decreasing drug margins
  - Operating cost inflation
  - Increased DIR fees
  - Hospital competition/340B pricing
  - Access to clinical trials
  - APP and staffing shortages
  - Physician recruiting challenges

Oncology Practice Consolidation 2010-2020 <sup>(1)</sup>



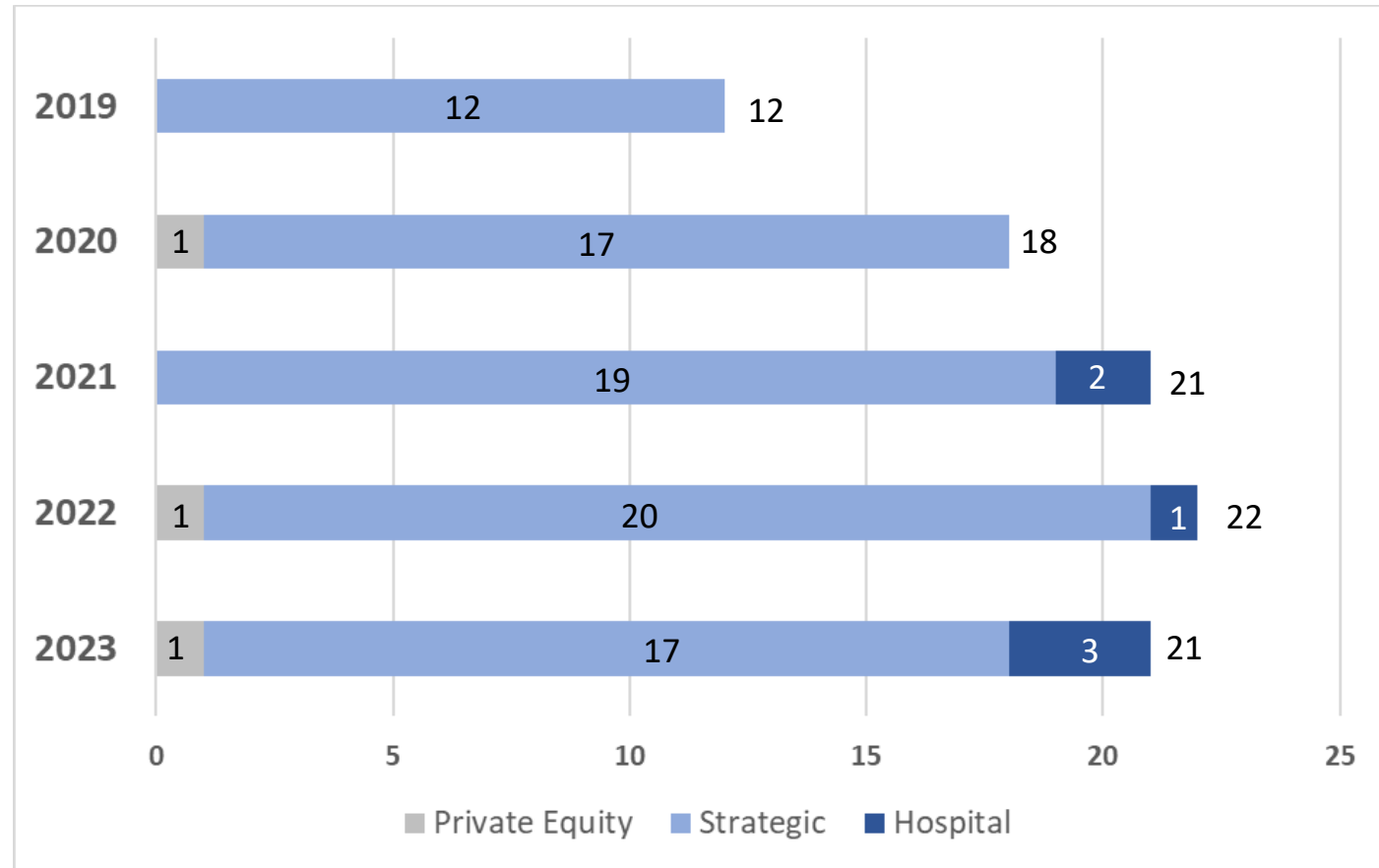
1) Community Oncology Alliance; 2020 Community Oncology Alliance Practice Impact Report



# Continuing Trend of Consolidation (2019 - 2023)

- ◆ Practice acquisition activity has generally increased since 2018
- ◆ Strategic buyers (i.e., national oncology networks) have been the most active segment of acquirors

Oncology Practice Acquisitions <sup>(1)</sup>



1) Provident Healthcare Partners; Oncology Industry Summary Q4 2023



# Impact in Iowa



## Oncology Practice Impact January 2008 – April 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>

Total Sites/ Practices Impacted	Clinics Closed	Practices Struggling Financially	Practices Sending Patients Elsewhere	Practices Acquired by Hospitals	Practices Merged
16	2	0	1	12	1





# The National Networks

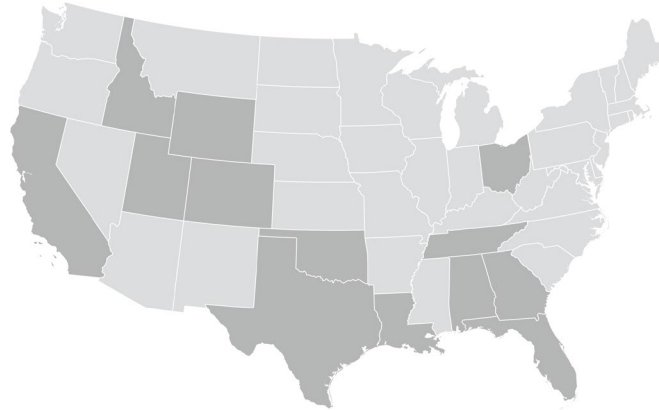
## American Oncology Network

Ownership: Public  
20 states; 100+ sites



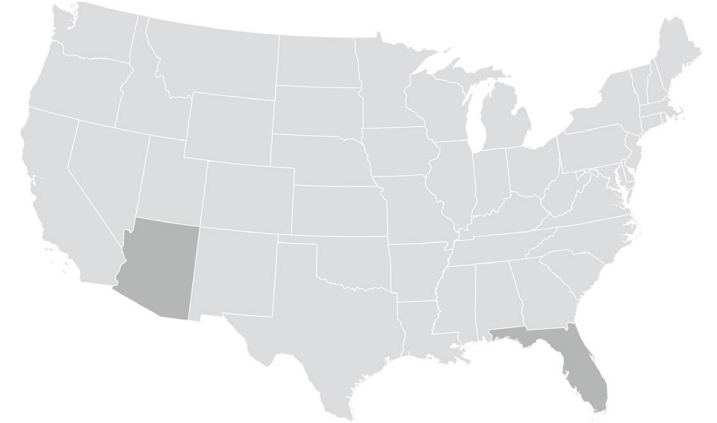
## Integrated Oncology Network

Ownership: Private Equity  
13 states; 50+ sites



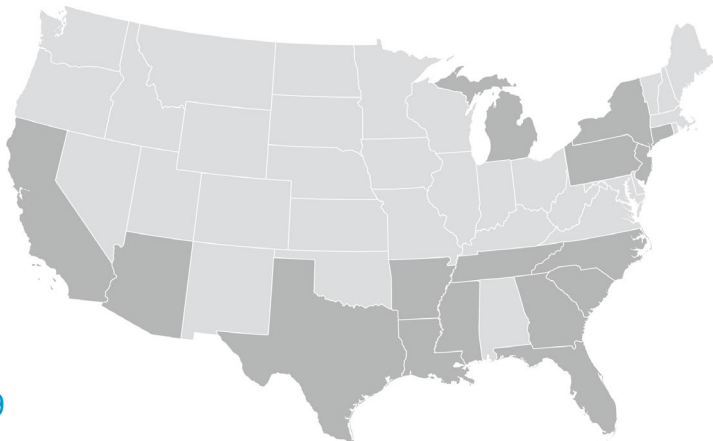
## Oncology Care Partners

Ownership: Private Equity  
2 states; 4 sites



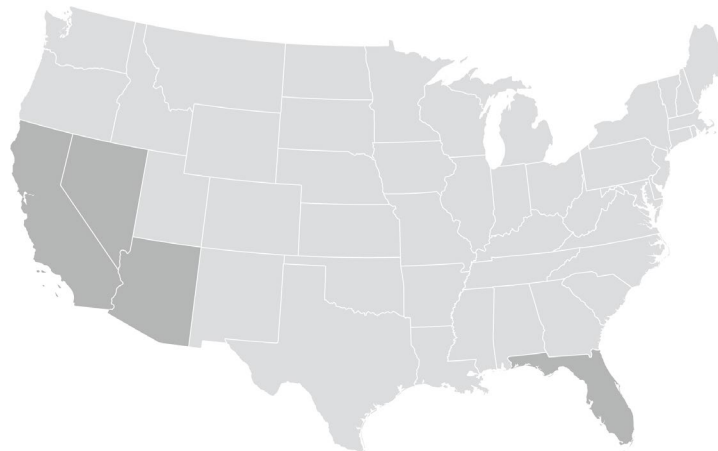
## OneOncology

Ownership: Private Equity/Cencora  
16 states; 300+ sites



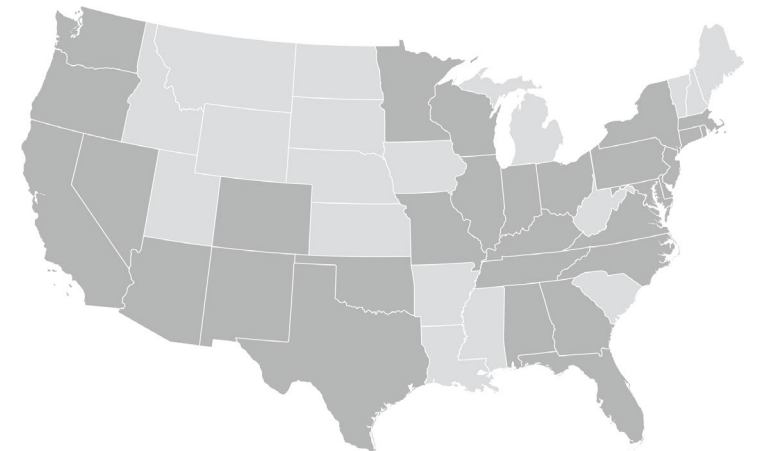
## The Oncology Institute of Hope & Innovation

Ownership: Public  
4 states; 70+ sites



## US Oncology

Ownership: McKesson  
31 states; 500+ sites





# Limited National Network Presence in Iowa

- ◆ Healthcare landscape largely reliant on hospitals
- ◆ University of Iowa – Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center
- ◆ Single large oncology practice
- ◆ Rural communities serviced via outreach clinics
- ◆ AON is the only national network with a presence in Iowa



- Council Bluffs
- Atlantic (Cass County Memorial Hospital)
- Hamburg (George Grape Community Hospital)
- Myrtue Medical Center



- Davenport
- Pharmacy Management Services Only

Iowa's rural landscape and few 'platform' size practices offer limited opportunity for most national oncology networks



# What Are Practices Looking For?

- Lower drug cost / assistance with formulary management
- Access to (enhanced) pharmacy, lab, pathology, radiology, radiation
- Better payor contracts / VBC
- Revenue cycle assistance
- Working capital access
- Relief from administrative burden
- Tools and programs to support quality care
- Integrated technology
- Recruiting help
- Access to clinical trials
- Physician autonomy
- Growth



# AON Approach

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Operating as a single, fully-integrated national oncology practice, AON's employed physician model delivers a full set of services and features; the financial and governance arrangements are designed to replicate physician ownership



# Features of Different Operating Models

	AON	Fully Independent	Other Network Models	Employed Model (e.g., Hospital)
Operational Autonomy	✓	✓	✓	
Purchasing Scale	✓		✓	✓
Integrated Pharmacy and Lab	✓			✓
Centralized Back Office	✓			✓
Robust Tech Platform	✓			
Aligned Economic Incentives	✓	✓		



# AON's Fully-Integrated Model



AON offers community oncology practices benefits of scale through an integrated care platform, while preserving local practice autonomy



# AON's Platform Drives Revenue Growth and Diversification

## Specialty Pharmacy

- ◆ In-house AON specialty pharmacy “insources” revenue to the practice
- ◆ Access to >92% of oral oncolytics
- ◆ 80% average script capture rate
- ◆ Hands-on patient assistance & support
- ◆ In-network with major PBMs



## Clinical Research

- ◆ Network-wide data analytics and trial matching
- ◆ Provide access to diverse patient demographics
- ◆ Currently offering 100+ clinical trials

## Laboratory & Pathology

- ◆ Centralized CLIA-certified, CAP-accredited lab
- ◆ Better turnaround times
- ◆ 24/7 access to pathologists
- ◆ Integrated into AON EMR system
- ◆ Access to novel technologies such as next-generation sequencing (“NGS”)



## Radiation Therapy & Imaging

- ◆ Support investment in select practices/markets
- ◆ Opportunity to significantly expand practice capabilities
- ◆ Enhances patient treatment options in-house



# Robust Tech Platform Underpins Operations, Driving Efficiencies



One platform connects patient records, pharmacy, pathology lab, and back office, creating **improved service levels and care outcomes**



Automates workflows in key areas such as revenue cycle management, **increasing clinical efficiency**



Centralized formulary and care navigator allows AON's expert medical team to push new insights to practices, **raising the quality of care**



Data warehouse and decision support **drives objective clinical and practice operations**

Substantial investments made since inception to build an integrated technology platform that ties together our clinical and operational ecosystems





# Quality Care at Lower Cost

**4.2% Decrease**

in total expenditures compared to all oncology practices



**2.0% Decrease**

in total expenditures compared to OCM practices



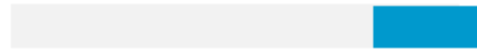
**12.3% Decrease**

in hospital admissions



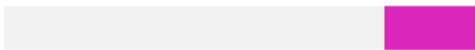
**12.0% Decrease**

in emergency room visits (no admission/observation stay)



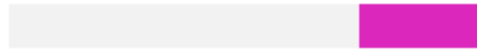
**9.6% Decrease**

in unplanned 30-day readmissions



**13.6% Decrease**

in physician and ancillary services expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>



Increase in biosimilar drug usage



Decrease in patient prescription expenses



# Resources to Drive Same Store Growth

## MARKETING

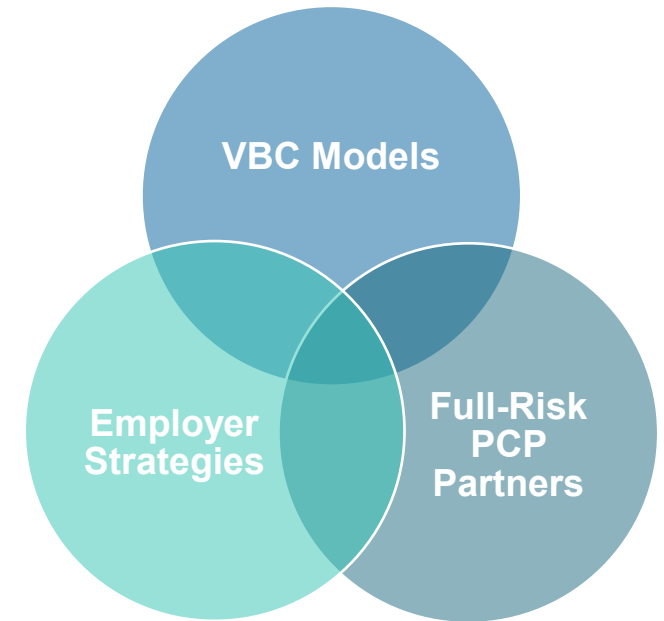
Marketing Strategy	Campaign Development	Traditional Advertising
Multi-Channel Advertising	PR / Media Outreach	Patient Communications
Referral Physician Communications	Referral Base Management Support	Online Reputation Management
Search Engine Marketing	Social Media	Website Management



## PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT



## PARTNER-DRIVEN GROWTH STRATEGIES

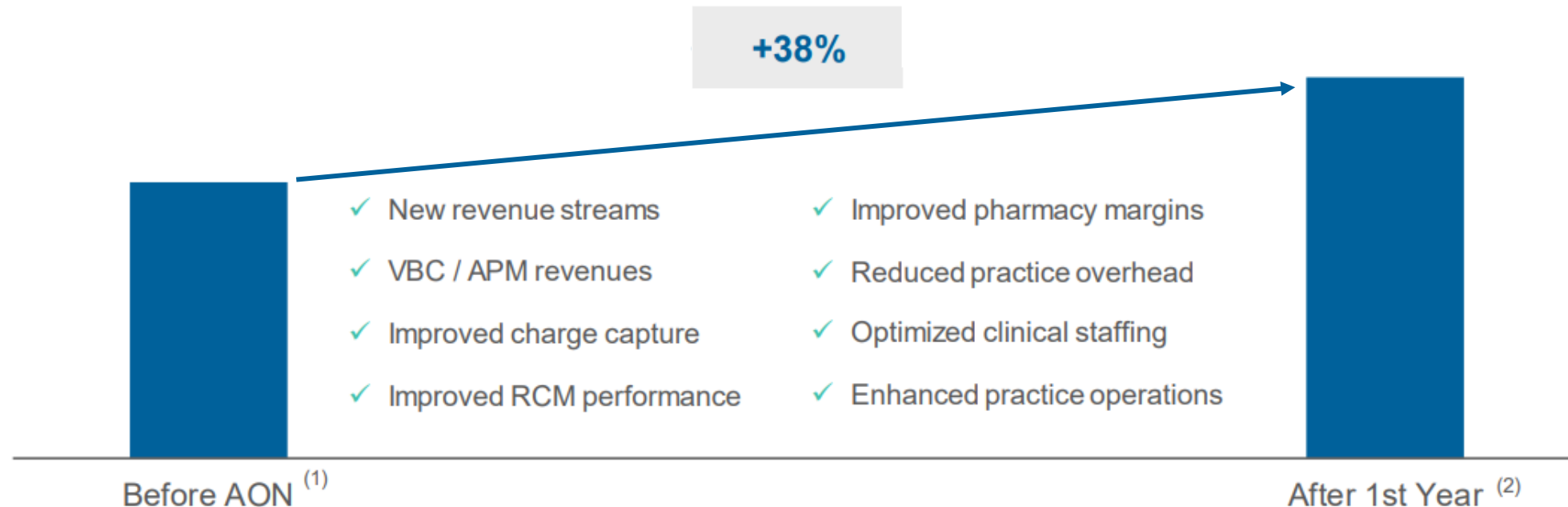




# Business Model Aligned with Providers for Growth

- ◆ Align incentives with practices
- ◆ Additional/enhanced revenue streams + cost savings = better economics for practice
- ◆ Reduce administrative burden, allowing practices to focus patient care

## Average Pre-Distribution Pool (“PDP”) Earnings Per Physician



1) PDP is practice-level margin, net of AON central service fees and all practice operating expenses, available for distribution  
2) Compares months 13-15 PDP run-rate to pre-AON baseline PDP. Includes 20 practices (98 physicians) that have been on the AON platform for 15 or more months



# Thank you

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