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Two UNM Cancer Center Caregivers Nominated for 2012 People's Caring Awards

Nomination recipients honored for outstanding service to patients

Albuquerque, NM – January 19, 2012 – The University of New Mexico Cancer Center is pleased to announce the nominations of Mohammad Houman Fekrazad, MD, Assistant Professor of Hematology/Oncology, and Jayne Holmes, MA, Breast Oncology Specialty Coordinator, for 2012 People's Caring Awards. The People's Caring Awards are bestowed annually, honoring individuals and groups in seven different categories for their excellent work in supporting and empowering both cancer patients and their families. Dr. Fekrazad is a medical oncologist and Ms. Holmes is a medical assistant.

The awards are sponsored by People Living Through Cancer, an Albuquerque non-profit organization dedicated to providing outreach to cancer patients and their families through workshops, support groups and education. Nominations are submitted by patients, families and others who feel they have received exceptional support, empathy or respect during the cancer care process. Awards will be announced at the 18th annual People's Caring Awards reception on February 4, 2012 from 11am-2pm at Hotel Albuquerque. For information on attending, please visit www.pltc.org, email info@pltc.org or call 505-242-3263.

About the UNM Cancer Center

The UNM Cancer Center is the Official Cancer Center of New Mexico and the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center in the state. One of just 66 NCI-designated cancer centers nationwide, the UNM Cancer Center is recognized for its scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research and delivery of medical advances to patients and their families. It is home to 85 board-certified oncology physicians representing every cancer specialty and 126 research scientists hailing from prestigious institutions such as MD Anderson, Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic. The UNM Cancer Center treats more than 60 percent of the adults and virtually all of the children in New Mexico affected by cancer, from every county in the state. Last year, it provided care to almost 16,000 cancer patients. The Center's research programs are supported by \$70 million annually in federal and private funding.

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