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Two UNM Cancer Center Researchers Honored by American Association for the Advancement of Science

Drs. Angela Wandinger-Ness, Elaine L. Bearer elected as fellows to top scientific society

Albuquerque, NM – February 10, 2012 – Two University of New Mexico Cancer Center members, Angela Wandinger-Ness, PhD, and Elaine L. Bearer, MD, PhD, have been elected as fellows to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society. Fellowship in the AAAS recognizes significant scientific contributions and is bestowed on elected fellows by their peers in the global scientific community. Drs. Wandinger-Ness and Bearer are among just four scientists from New Mexico elected as AAAS fellows this year.

Dr. Wandinger-Ness, Professor of Pathology at UNM, was recognized for her distinguished service in cell biology and kidney disease research, development of innovative training programs and public service to the New Mexico Academy of Science. Dr. Bearer, Harvey Family Professor of Pathology and Vice Chair for Research at UNM, was honored for her distinguished contributions in the pathologic basis of disease, cargo-motor attachments in axonal transport, actin dynamics and neuropathology, as well as for distinguished service in interdisciplinary training.

Two other UNM scientists, Professor of Biology Scott Collins, PhD, and Associate Professor of Biology Diana Northrup, PhD, were also elected this year.

All of this year's AAAS fellows will be recognized at the Fellows Forum, held on February 18, 2012, during the AAAS Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information about the AAAS, visit <http://www.aaas.org/>.

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,

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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. Learn more at <http://cancer.unm.edu>.

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