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Karmanos president & CEO elected to Association of American Cancer Institutes Board

DETROIT – Gerold Bepler, M.D., Ph.D., president and CEO of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Board of Directors, effective October 15.

AACI comprises 97 leading cancer research centers in North America and is dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer by enhancing the impact of these leading academic cancer centers.

“I am honored and pleased to be elected to the AACI Board of Directors that represents elite cancer centers across the country,” Dr. Bepler said. “I look forward to collaborating with fellow board members to help cancer experts advance this nation’s cancer care.”

In addition to leading the Karmanos Cancer Institute headquartered in Detroit, Dr. Bepler is a world-renowned thoracic oncologist who has spent his career researching risks, progression, treatments and outcomes related to lung cancer, with a special focus on non-small cell lung cancer.

He is credited with creating the Karmanos Cancer Network, Michigan’s largest cancer care and research network, with 14 locations throughout the state. Since joining Karmanos in 2010, institutional funding from research grants and contracts has increased from $65 to $80 million annually. Karmanos is one of only 49 National Cancer Institute-designated, comprehensive cancer centers in the United States.

About the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute
Karmanos Cancer Institute is headquartered in Detroit, with 14 locations throughout Michigan. As part of McLaren, Karmanos is the largest cancer care and research network in the state. It is among the nation’s best cancer centers as one of the National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States and the only one located in metro Detroit. Karmanos cancer experts focus solely on cancer to prevent, detect and treat as well as eradicate all forms of cancer. Its long-term partnership with the Wayne State University School of Medicine enhances the collaboration of critical research and academics related to cancer care. For more information, call 1-800-KARMANOS (800-527-6266) or visit www.karmanos.org. Follow Karmanos on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.