Since 1985, Michigan oncologists and hematologists have been formally organized to promote best practices and ensure access to quality care for the state's cancer patients. The Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology (MSHO) was formed in response to unfavorable changes in Medicare reimbursement and consistent coverage issues with Michigan's private payers that jeopardized the specialists' ability to deliver quality care. Today, the need to advocate for the advancement of cancer treatment as a recognized, credible, unified, local "Voice of Oncology" remains.

Since the founding of the Society, strong physician leadership and vision have driven MSHO's achievements. Our Board of Directors, all oncologists, hematologists, and radiation oncologists, represent all geographic areas of Michigan. Many Board members hold positions in national clinical and professional advocacy organizations. The talent and expertise that each of these devoted specialists bring to our society is impressive.

The Michigan Society of Hematology & Oncology continues to flourish due to the commitment of our leadership, participation of our members and support of our sponsors. All decisions for Society participation are measured against our dedication to provide advocacy, support clinical research, and educate our members. Staying true to our purpose has kept our members loyal and our position as an advocate of quality cancer care solid.
It is the MISSION of the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology to promote exemplary care for patients with cancer and blood disorders through advocacy, education, and research.

MSHO is a physician organization whose membership spans the entire state of Michigan. Our membership includes private practice physicians, those in the hospital setting, those practicing at the state's academic medical centers, and all enrolled in hematology and oncology fellowship programs.

### Membership Categories

**Physician Member**
All full-time physicians in an oncology group practice/clinic must maintain membership in the Society to receive full MSHO privileges. Once a member, all staff are entitled to receive membership benefits.

**Academic Physician Member**
MSHO and Michigan's academic centers have partnered together to advance cancer advocacy, research, and education throughout our state. Academic centers include Henry Ford Health, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan. All full time physicians in these centers receive membership benefits.

**Hospital Member**
The hospital membership is offered to hospital employees affiliated with our members but not under the practice or clinic's authority.

**Fellow Member**
Oncology and Hematology fellows from Michigan institutions fall under the Physician Member category and receive complimentary membership. Fellows have access to the same benefits as the Physician Member category.

**Corporate Member**
Corporate membership is open to companies who contribute to the care of oncology patients. MSHO offers five levels of Corporate Membership: Premier Plus, Premier, Champion, Supporting, and Emerging.

### Membership Benefits

**Educational Opportunities**
- Physician
- Administrator
- Reimbursement Team
- Nurse
- Advanced Practice Provider
- Fellow
- Navigators (Nurse, Financial, Social Services)

**Communications**
- Newsletter
- Reimbursement Bulletins and Alerts
- Legislative Alerts
- Website
- Listservs
- Annual Report
- Social Media

**Advocacy Efforts**
The Society monitors and provides comment and resources to the following:
- Center for Medicare Services and Medicaid Services
- Michigan Congressional Delegation
- Michigan State Legislators
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- State & National Payers

**MSHO Reimbursement Support**
Our dedicated MSHO reimbursement email address is accessible to all MSHO members and their staff. This benefit is available to address coverage, coding, and reimbursement issues.

For additional information on MSHO membership and benefits, contact info@msho.org or 248-385-5464.