



# MARY BIRD PERKINS CANCER CENTER™

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS | COMMUNITY & DONORS

Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and OneOncology are embarking on an exciting new path together. We understand that donors and community members may have questions about how this relationship will work and what it means for our service areas and philanthropic programs. We have signed a letter of intent to become partners with an agreement set to be signed this fall. Once in place, this partnership will expand access to resources for cancer patients unlike any other approach in the region. More details are forthcoming, but below are some initial questions and answers that will provide further insight.

### WHY ARE MARY BIRD PERKINS AND ONEONCOLOGY PARTNERING?

First and foremost, we want to assure you that we are planning for all transitions to be seamless and that this partnership will allow us to do even more to put patient care first. OneOncology's approach lines up with Mary Bird Perkins' founding principles established 50 years ago to focus exclusively on advancing cancer outcomes across the region. OneOncology has observed Mary Bird Perkins' work in the communities we serve for several years, and they want to contribute and help power the Cancer Center's mission. This partnership sustains Mary Bird Perkins' independence and positions us for future growth so we can do more to help cancer patients.

### WHO IS ONEONCOLOGY?

OneOncology is a **national platform of independent community oncology practices** committed to driving the future of cancer care delivery through a patient-centric, physician-driven, and technology-powered model to help improve the lives of everyone living with cancer. For more information, visit [oneoncology.com](http://oneoncology.com).

### HOW WILL THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ONEONCOLOGY IMPACT RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PARTNERS?

OneOncology will support our work at all locations, including Baton Rouge, Gonzales, Hammond, Houma, Covington, LA and Natchez, MS. In Houma, Mary Bird Perkins will continue its affiliation agreement with Terrebonne General Health System. Mary Bird Perkins will still work closely with Our Lady of the Lake and Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge. Both organizations are strong allies in the fight against cancer and we look forward to maintaining relationships with both hospitals. The partnership with OneOncology will also provide opportunities to advance relationships with other area providers.

### WILL MARY BIRD PERKINS BE OWNED BY THIS NEW PARTNER?

No, Mary Bird Perkins will remain an independent, community-owned nonprofit organization serving patients throughout southeast Louisiana and southwest Mississippi. OneOncology is not acquiring any equity in Mary Bird Perkins or any of its real estate or clinical assets. Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center has determined that working with OneOncology is the most effective way to deliver enhanced resources to all locations we serve today and in the future. Mary Bird Perkins will continue under the independent guidance of its Board of Directors.

### WILL FINANCIAL AND OTHER DONATIONS BE MANAGED DIFFERENTLY?

All gifts and contributions will continue to benefit Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and the patients we serve. Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Foundation will retain 501(c)(3) non-profit status. We are firmly committed to sharing impact of this remarkable generosity, which funds critical programs and services made possible only through philanthropy. Nothing will change with our approach and resolve.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE GIVING?

Your steadfast support is now more important than ever, helping sustain and advance crucial programs that saves lives and improves outcomes daily, ensuring everyone in our community has access to high-quality cancer care.

#### **HOW WILL THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?**

This partnership between Mary Bird Perkins and OneOncology will enhance the patient experience and impact cancer care locally and globally. The partnership will benefit the community by reinforcing the physician-patient relationship, reducing costs, expanding access to services throughout the cancer journey and providing new treatment options and more national clinical trials options. Through each of these initiatives, we will be transforming cancer care throughout the Gulf South.

#### **WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PARTNERSHIP?**

Visit the Mary Bird Perkins website: [marybird.org/oneoncology](http://marybird.org/oneoncology) for general information. To make a gift or learn more about how your support can make a difference, please contact Danielle Mack, vice president and chief development officer, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, at [dmack@marybird.com](mailto:dmack@marybird.com).