



**INTERNATIONAL CLINICIAN, CANCER RESEARCHER
JOINS NORTHEAST GEORGIA CANCER CARE**

ATHENS, Ga. (Oct. 27, 2009) –Petros George Nikolinakos, M.D., joined Northeast Georgia Cancer Care in September, after three years at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center in Houston and earlier clinical experience in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Nikolinakos, who speaks several languages, graduated *summa cum laude* and third in his class from University of Debrecen Medical and Health Sciences Center in Debrecen, Hungary. Following his internal medicine residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, he served as chief medical resident and instructor for an additional year. Previously, he was a medical center staff physician in Greece. He later spent four years in internal and emergency room medicine in Bridgeport, Neb., and Pierre, S.D. During a three-year fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Nikolinakos also worked as a clinical specialist and staff physician in the medical/surgical intensive care unit.

“When Dr. Nikolinakos was looking for new opportunities, other cancer centers across the country were recruiting him,” said Mark Vrana, M.D., NEGACC managing partner. “However, during his meetings with our physicians, it became clear to him and us that his views about patient care and clinical trials were a perfect fit for our group.”

An author and cancer researcher, Dr. Nikolinakos has published studies on a variety of topics including lung cancer treatment strategies, anemia in HIV-infected patients and multiple myeloma clinical problem solving in numerous publications such as *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *American Journal of Hematology*, *Journal of Clinical Investigation* and *The Journal of Thoracic Oncology*. His abstracts and presentations include American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

He currently is an attending physician at Athens Regional Medical Center and St. Mary’s Healthcare System, and holds memberships in the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC).