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## **University of Missouri School of Medicine, Roche collaborate on first US implementation of tumor board software that improves treatment decision process for cancer patients**

**MU pilots Roche’s cloud-based NAVIFY Tumor Board solution to streamline and standardize data collection and presentation, enabling faster, better collaboration among oncology care teams**

Roche (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY) announced today the result of a collaboration with the University of Missouri School of Medicine (MU School of Medicine) to implement—for the first time in the U.S.—Roche’s new software solution to streamline and standardize the management of tumor boards, or multi-disciplinary meetings oncology care teams hold to make clinical treatment decisions for cancer patients.

Managing tumor boards can be labor intensive and time consuming for healthcare providers because it often requires manually collecting and organizing patient information from various sources—radiology and microscope slide images, pathology reports, electronic medical records and much more. “Our goal in working on this pilot with the MU School of Medicine and clinicians at MU Health Care was to fine-tune a digital decision support tool that could help transform the tumor board process,” said Alan Wright, MD, MPH, chief medical officer for Roche Diagnostics Corporation. “The collaboration gave us the opportunity to improve the software in a way that would fundamentally change the way their oncology care teams prepare for, conduct and document clinical treatment decisions for cancer patients.”

The new NAVIFY Tumor Board solution is designed to streamline and standardize tumor board workflows by combining relevant patient data from disparate sources into a cloud-based workflow solution and dashboard that facilitate efficient team collaboration, reduce

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errors, and give the care team more time to evaluate potential treatment options.

In addition to piloting the software for Roche and providing extensive feedback in the development process, MU Health Care has now used the newly launched commercial version of the software for actual tumor boards with two of its nine oncology care teams, and plans to implement the software across all of the remaining teams in the near future.

“As an academic health center, one of our goals is to bring innovation and discovery to the field of medicine,” said Jerry Parker, PhD, associate dean for research at the MU School of Medicine. “With our partners at Roche, we’ve only begun to explore the possibilities, but we already see tremendous potential for this type of solution to help advance cancer care. The workflow is much easier for our oncology nursing staff to manage, and the patient information is presented much more clearly, so we expect that to improve efficiency in the meetings and create more time for in-depth discussion of patient cases and the best treatment options.”

The software is designed to create a centralized repository of tumor board data, which will eventually enable MU Health Care providers and other oncology care teams to see how similar patients were managed in the past, and allows remote participation of experts from outside the location during the meeting, facilitating the concept of virtual tumor boards.

“There is the opportunity for a software solution like this to expand access to tumor boards in smaller communities,” added Dr. Parker. “It’s estimated that less than 50 percent of cancer patients in the U.S. benefit from tumor boards, in part because many communities are not in close proximity to oncology providers. I can foresee a day when a small community provider or hospital will be able to upload data to a regional cancer center tumor board to get access to highly specialized advice regarding their patients—or participate in tumor boards themselves remotely. There is exciting potential there to expand quality healthcare for cancer patients regardless of their location.”

### **About the NAVIFY portfolio**

The NAVIFY brand represents Roche’s commitment to provide healthcare professionals with digital workflow and decision support solutions that transform patient care. The first commercially available product in the portfolio is the NAVIFY Tumor Board solution, a comprehensive dashboard for oncology care teams that enables them to standardize preparation, streamline presentation and ensure a more efficient workflow for individualized treatment decisions. The software is built and hosted on a secure cloud platform that is

HIPAA compliant to ensure patient data security and privacy.

The portfolio will continuously evolve to include additional decision support applications and workflow products that address challenges faced by healthcare providers and research professionals. For more information, visit [www.navify.com](http://www.navify.com).

### **About the MU School of Medicine**

The MU School of Medicine has improved health, education and research in Missouri and beyond for more than 170 years. MU physicians treat patients from every county in the state, and more Missouri physicians received their medical degrees from MU than from any other university. The MU School of Medicine is home to research and educational programs in biomedical, clinical and translational sciences focused on translating discoveries into community-based products, services and practices for the state and nation. Research efforts concentrate on the deadliest diseases, such as cancer and cardiovascular disease, and the most vulnerable patients, including children and the elderly. For more information, visit <http://medicine.missouri.edu/>.

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