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NCCN Congratulates W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD, on Her Nomination to NCI Director Role

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA [November 21, 2023] — The National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)—an alliance of leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education—applauds the nomination of **W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD**, as incoming director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Rathmell will replace **Monica Bertagnolli, MD, FACS, FASCO**, as she assumes her new role overseeing the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

View statement on Dr. Bertagnolli's confirmation for NIH Director at [NCCN.org/policy](https://www.nccn.org/policy).

Dr. Rathmell is a widely-respected researcher and oncologist focusing on kidney cancer at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center—one of NCCN's [Member Institutions](#).

"We are excited to see Dr. Rathmell build on her accomplished and impactful history of advancing cancer care through this important new position," said **Crystal S. Denlinger, MD, Chief Executive Officer, NCCN**. "Her impressive career showcases the expertise and drive needed to spearhead this essential work. NCI's monumental efforts—particularly through the National Cancer Plan—aim to transform cancer prevention, detection, and care, so everyone across the country can live better lives. We recognize and appreciate the ongoing emphasis on bringing everyone to that table in order to reduce cancer incidences and prevent inequities in care. NCCN remains committed to supporting this work now and in the future."

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