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American Society of Hypertension Partners with National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) in the National Program to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk (NPRCR)

The ASH Board of Directors is pleased to announce that has joined the NHLBI Coordinating Committee of the National Program to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk (NPRCR), a program aimed at reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease through implementation of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and interventions to control cardiovascular risk factor in clinical practice settings. John B. Bisognano MD, PhD, who currently serves as ASH Board of Directors Secretary, will represent the Society in the NPRCR Coordinating Committee. Dr. Bisognano will be joining other experts in health care implementation focused on Hypertension, High Blood Pressure, and obesity.

The inaugural meeting of the Coordinating Committee will be held in October of 2011, with a follow-up meeting scheduled in the spring of the 2012. The committee is charged with implementing risk-reduction strategies for patients/consumers, clinicians, and health care systems, improving patient adherence through educational programs, behavioral counseling, and other approaches, improving the care delivery using health care systems approaches such as clinical decision support, monitoring and feedback, and health information technology, monitoring guideline use and risk factor control, and establishing performance measures.