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**Subject:** CAHON Appoints New Vice President

Dear CAHON Members,

With the support of the CAHON Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Cynthia Ma, MD, PhD, as the Vice President for the 2024-2026 term. Collaborating closely with the President, the Vice President will offer guidance and provide support to the CAHON Executive Team.

Dr. Cynthia Ma received her M.D. degree from Beijing Medical University and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently Professor of Medicine and Attending Physician at the Washington University School of Medicine. She is a distinguished breast oncologist and a physician scientist, with research focuses on endocrine therapy and targeted agents for the treatment of breast cancer. She is the clinical director of the Breast Cancer Program in Medical Oncology at the Washington University School of Medicine and a co-leader, Breast Cancer Research Program at the Siteman Cancer Center. She has led several biomarker-directed, investigator-initiated trials including neoadjuvant studies of endocrine agents in combination with inhibitors against PI3K pathway or the CDK4/6 in patients with locally advanced estrogen receptor positive breast cancer. She is the study chair for the ongoing ALLIANCE ALTERNATE trial, which evaluates Ki67 based biomarkers as well as genomic predictors of endocrine therapy responsiveness.

Dr. Ma has been an active member of CAHON since 2007. She served as the chair of the Education Committee from 2012-2016. While doing so, she helped to elevate CAHON events and engage the younger generation. As a leader in her field, Dr. Ma has been a sought-after speaker on breast cancer for multiple CAHON functions. In 2022, Dr. Ma received the CAHON Outstanding Achievement award in recognition of her significant contributions and impact on hematology and oncology but also for her unwavering dedication to CAHON. Her exemplary leadership abilities and steadfast commitment to CAHON are evident through these activities.

Over the last several years, CAHON has experienced impressive growth. Thanks to the steadfast leadership and commitment of the Board of Directors and Executive Team, in collaboration with EDI, and with the dedication and support of our members, CAHON has achieved remarkable success and set forth clear a strategic plan for the coming years. No matter your career level, there has never been a more opportune moment to contribute your time and expertise to our great organization.

We are delighted to have Dr. Ma on board. Please join me in congratulating her on this new appointment.

Best regards,

Liang Deng, MD, PhD  
President