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AACR Commends CVS Caremark on Move to Stop Selling Tobacco Products

PHILADELPHIA — The [American Association for Cancer Research](http://www.aacr.org) (AACR) commends CVS Caremark Corp. for its visionary move to stop selling tobacco products in its stores. Smoking is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States and is responsible for 30 percent of all cancer deaths.

“If we are to move forward as a society that promotes health and eradicates disease, we must take steps to eliminate the use of tobacco by all means possible,” said Margaret Foti, Ph.D., M.D. (h.c.), chief executive officer of the AACR. “The announcement by CVS Caremark Corp. to remove tobacco products from its stores is an extraordinary step that sends a critical message in helping to combat this enormous public health problem, which causes significant morbidity and mortality in many diseases, including 18 different types of cancer.

“All health care providers, including pharmacies, have a role in preventing tobacco use and encouraging current users to quit, and as the leading cancer research organization in the United States and other parts of the world, the AACR is thrilled that CVS is taking such a leadership position in this arena,” Foti continued.

For more information on the AACR’s work to eliminate tobacco-related death and disease, click [here](#).

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About the American Association for Cancer Research

Founded in 1907, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is the world’s oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and its mission to prevent and cure cancer. AACR membership includes more than 34,000 laboratory, translational, and clinical researchers; population scientists; other health care professionals; and cancer advocates residing in more than 90 countries. The AACR marshals the full spectrum of expertise of the cancer community to accelerate progress in the prevention, biology, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer by annually convening more than 20 conferences and educational workshops, the largest of which is the AACR Annual Meeting with more than 18,000 attendees. In addition, the AACR publishes eight peer-reviewed scientific journals and a magazine for cancer survivors, patients, and their caregivers. The AACR funds meritorious research directly as well as in cooperation with numerous cancer organizations. As the scientific partner of Stand Up To Cancer, the AACR provides expert peer review, grants administration, and scientific

oversight of team science and individual grants in cancer research that have the potential for near-term patient benefit. The AACR actively communicates with legislators and policymakers about the value of cancer research and related biomedical science in saving lives from cancer. For more information about the AACR, visit www.AACR.org.