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Dear Partner Society,

I am reaching out to let you know about an important ASH initiative.

On April 1, 2020, the ASH Research Collaborative (ASH RC) Data Hub launched the [COVID-19 Registry for Hematologic Malignancy](#), a global registry with clinical data exclusively on patients who have been or are currently being treated for hematologic malignancy with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. **The Registry recently expanded and now includes non-malignant hematologic conditions as well as post-COVID-19 hematologic complications.** Near real-time observational data summaries are provided to clinicians on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic, and patient information is de-identified. The Registry was reviewed by the Western IRB, a central IRB, and determined to be exempt under 45 CFR § 46.104(d)(4) and approved for a waiver of authorization.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, lives depend on the global community working together to capture and share meaningful data with one another. Please join the American Society of Hematology and encourage health care providers to enter patient data in the [COVID-19 Registry](#).

To help spread the word, we hope you will:

- Share our recent [press release](#) and [podcast](#) with your colleagues using the attached email template,
- Leverage social media platforms to notify your networks, and
- Reach out to other organizations to increase awareness.

**The power of the COVID-19 Registry will be based on how successfully we can get the word out and the data in.**

Close communication and coordination with one another are vital as we work to protect the lives and health of our patients during this unprecedented public health challenge. I hope you continue to stay safe and will consider contributing data to this critical effort.

Best,

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