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### **Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, founder and chairman, National Coalition for Health Integration to receive 2010 Champion for Health Award from Partners in Care Foundation**

(San Fernando, Calif., Dec 1, 2009) — In recognition of his unprecedented contribution and enduring commitment to advancements in the field of health information and technology, Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, founder and chairman of the National Coalition for Health Integration (NCHI) has been named the **2010 Champion for Health Award** honoree by the Board and CEO of Partners in Care Foundation. Dr. Soon-Shiong will be honored with the award at Partners' Vision & Excellence in Health Care Leadership Tribute Dinner on May 3, 2010 at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

"The work Dr. Soon-Shiong and the National Coalition for Health Integration are currently undertaking will bring transformational change to our health care system. His vision and commitment to this endeavor make him an ideal honoree for this award," noted W. June Simmons, CEO Partners in Care Foundation. "We are honored to be associated with Dr. Soon-Shiong and his work. We enthusiastically support his efforts to create a system that will facilitate rapid access to integrated health information. His passion and his commitment to changing the shape of health care is an inspiration to us all."

Dr. Soon-Shiong is a renowned research scientist, physician and philanthropist with an enduring commitment to shaping the future of our health care system. Dr. Soon-Shiong founded and funded NCHI to express his commitment to transforming health care by enhancing access to integrated health information through cutting-edge technology. The goal is to create a computer grid, or information highway, exclusively for health data that will allow doctors to rapidly access and exchange medical information as well as accessing the most up-to-date treatment protocols. "Our work is driven by the belief that timely access to integrated health information can be done safely and securely and will result in better health outcomes at lower cost for all of us," notes Dr. Soon-Shiong.

"Bold leadership and innovation will be essential components of health care reform. Dr. Soon-Shiong continues to demonstrate his commitment to a greatly improved health care system with the pioneering work of the National Coalition for Health Integration. What a great honor and how fitting it is to present Dr. Soon-Shiong with the Champion for Health Award," remarked Seth Ellis, Partners Board Chair.

The Partners in Care Foundation **Champion for Health Award** is an honor awarded to an individual whose passion and commitment to changing the shape of our health care system in ways that benefit all of us is given only rarely. The Champion for Health was previously awarded in 2006 to Kathleen Brown, former treasurer for the State of California for dedication and impact in protecting the integrity of the public finances that affect California's health and well-being, and for her advocacy of responsible private sector governance, fiscal management, and policy changes to improve health care services.

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