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20th Annual Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington Regional Breast Cancer Issues Conference Presents Kathleen Dunham, MD as Keynote Speaker

November 14, 2017, Portland, OR - Komen Oregon and SW Washington is pleased to announce that Kathleen Dunham, MD, Compass Oncology, will be the keynote speaker for the organization's 20th Annual Regional Breast Cancer Issues Conference on March 17, 2018.

Dr. Dunham's keynote session will focus on the psychology of surgical decision making after a breast cancer diagnosis, and how the emotional aspects of cancer, bias, and belief shape our decisions. Dr. Dunham joined Compass Oncology as a Breast Oncology Surgeon in 2016 after completing a fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center. She obtained her medical degree from Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, where she graduated with high honors and was awarded the Jack Flanagan Medal in Neurology, Psychology and Gerontology.

This daylong event brings together survivors, forever fighters, co-survivors, and healthcare professionals to discuss emerging research, treatment options, and quality of life issues with nationally respected experts. The event will feature a track in Spanish, and will be simulcast in six cities, reaching new audiences.

Registration and more information are available at komenoregon.org

About Susan G. Komen Oregon and SW Washington

In the last 26 years, the local organization has funneled nearly \$19.5 million into programs that prioritize the importance of improving and building on the quality of life for survivors and fighters, emphasize the value of early detection and screenings, as well as provide financial assistance for access to treatment. Another \$12.2 million has been dedicated, locally, to cutting edge research.

About Susan G. Komen

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Nationally, since 1982, Komen has funded \$3 billion in funding to research, screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. More information is available at Komenoregon.org.