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## **NewLink Genetics Appoints Eugene Kennedy, M.D. as Chief Medical Officer**

AMES, Iowa, Nov. 14, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [NewLink Genetics Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced the appointment of Eugene P. Kennedy, M.D., FACS, to the role of Chief Medical Officer. He will be responsible for leading all clinical development, medical affairs and related functions. Dr. Kennedy's previous role at NewLink Genetics was Vice President of Clinical and Medical Affairs.

"Gene's considerable experience in clinical trial design and implementation has made him an invaluable team member at NewLink," said Charles J. Link, Jr., MD, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific Officer. "We are glad he has taken on this new responsibility and know he will continue to contribute the critical expertise we need as we commence with enrollment of our pivotal trial for patients with advanced melanoma."

Dr. Kennedy joined NewLink in 2014 from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA where he served as Associate Professor of Surgery and held leadership positions as Chief of the Section of Pancreaticobiliary Surgery and Co-Director of the Jefferson Pancreas, Biliary, and Related Cancers Center. Previously, Dr. Kennedy has held faculty positions at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Kennedy obtained his undergraduate education at the University of Virginia and received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. He completed a residency and fellowship in Surgery and Surgical Oncology as well as a research fellowship in tumor immunology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

### **About NewLink Genetics Corporation**

NewLink Genetics is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focusing on discovering, developing and commercializing novel immuno-oncology product candidates to improve the lives of patients with cancer. NewLink Genetics' IDO pathway inhibitors are designed to harness multiple components of the immune system to combat cancer. Indoximod is being evaluated in combination with treatment regimens including anti-PD-1/PD-L1 agents, cancer vaccines, and chemotherapy across multiple indications such as melanoma, pancreatic cancer and other malignancies. For more information, please visit [www.newlinkgenetics.com](http://www.newlinkgenetics.com) and follow us on Twitter [@NLNKGenetics](#).

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