



## **The 2008 Breast Cancer Symposium: Co-Sponsor Boilerplates**

### **About the American Society of Breast Disease (ASBD)**

The American Society of Breast Disease is the leading professional medical society in the United States to bring together physicians and allied professionals committed to and advocating an interdisciplinary team approach to breast disease and cancer management, prevention, early detection, treatment, and research. The Society educates decision makers in patient care to influence practice and advocates for improvements in breast healthcare. For information about the ASBD, visit the Society at [www.asbd.org](http://www.asbd.org).

### **About The American Society of Breast Surgeons**

Founded in 1995, The American Society of Breast Surgeons represents over 2,800 surgeons worldwide and is one of the fastest growing subspecialty surgical groups in the country. The Society was formed to encourage the study of breast surgery, promote research and development of advanced surgery techniques, improve standards and quality of practice for breast surgery in the United States and serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas. For more information, please visit The American Society of Breast Surgeons' website at [www.breastsurgeons.org](http://www.breastsurgeons.org).

### **About the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)**

ASCO is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. With more than 25,000 members, ASCO is committed to improving cancer care through scientific meetings, educational programs and peer-reviewed journals. For ASCO information and resources, visit [www.asco.org/presscenter](http://www.asco.org/presscenter). Patient-oriented cancer information is available at [www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net).

### **About the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)**

ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with nearly 9,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy.

### **About the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO)**

The SSO is an international medical specialty association of more than 2,000 cancer surgeons who have training and experience in the multidisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of cancer patients. Its purpose is to ensure that all cancer patients receive the highest quality, most comprehensive, multimodal care available by encouraging research and disseminating knowledge that will advance the science and practice of surgical oncology. More information on the SSO can be found at [www.surgonc.org](http://www.surgonc.org).

**About the National Consortium of Breast Centers, Inc.**

The National Consortium of Breast Center's mission and purpose is to promote excellence in breast health care for the general public through a network of diverse professionals dedicated to the active exchange of ideas and resources, including:

1. To serve as an informational resource and to provide support services to those rendering care to people with breast diseases through educational programs, newsletters, a national directory, and patient forums;
2. To encourage professionals to concentrate and specialize in activities related to breast disease;
3. To encourage the development of programs and centers that address breast disease and promote breast health;
4. To facilitate collaborative research opportunities on issues of breast health; and
5. To develop a set of core measures to define, improve and sustain quality standards in comprehensive breast programs and centers.

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