

The 2008 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium: Co-Sponsor Boilerplates

About the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) is dedicated to the mission of advancing the science and practice of gastroenterology. Founded in 1897, the AGA is one of the oldest medical-specialty societies in the United States. Comprised of two non-profit organizations—the AGA and the AGA Institute—our more than 16,000 members include physicians and scientists who research, diagnose and treat disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver. The AGA, a 501(c6) organization, administers all membership and public policy activities, while the AGA Institute, a 501(c3) organization, runs the organization's practice, research and educational programs. On a monthly basis, the AGA Institute publishes two highly respected journals, *Gastroenterology* and *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. The organization's annual meeting is Digestive Disease Week[®], which is held each May and is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. For more information, please visit www.gastro.org.

About the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (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. Patient-oriented cancer information is available at www.plwc.org.

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.