



ASK ASCO...

Q: Who is ASCO?

A: ASCO is the American Society of Clinical Oncology – the world’s leading professional organization for physicians who treat people with cancer. ASCO’s 20,000 members set the standard for patient care worldwide, and the organization leads the way to make high quality cancer care as affordable and accessible as possible.

Q: Why is ASCO reaching out to members of Congress?

A: Changes in the way Medicare pays for cancer care could limit patient access to chemotherapy and related services in 2005 and beyond. More than 800,000 people on Medicare are diagnosed with cancer each year. On behalf of millions of Americans who are dealing with cancer, ASCO is working with Congress to ensure that vital cancer treatment and supportive care services are not interrupted.

Q: What does ASCO hope to achieve?

A: Budget decisions are complicated, particularly in these economic times, but cancer patients are among the most vulnerable. For 40 years, ASCO has been the authoritative source for reliable information on cancer care issues. We want the cancer community and Congress to work in a spirit of cooperation to avoid disruption in care.

Q: Who is ASCO?

A: **WE ARE ASCO**

