2016 Symposium Highlights Notable Research Advances in Palliative Care

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SAN FRANCISCO – Seven studies investigating key issues in palliative care will be presented at the 2016 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium, taking place September 9-10, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. These notable abstracts explore the integration of palliative care to improve patients’ quality of life, as well as insight and approaches for educating oncology providers on how to more effectively communicate and deliver palliative care to their patients.

Palliative care experts are available on-site to comment on the studies below.

**Abstract 5:** *Perception of curability in an international cohort of advanced cancer patients receiving palliative care*

**Oral Abstract Session B**  
Saturday, September 10, 2016: 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM PT  
Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 9

Sriram Yennu, MD, MS  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Houston, Texas

**Abstract 10:** *Rehospitalization of advanced cancer patients in the year after diagnosis*

**Poster Session B**  
Saturday, September 10, 2016: 7:00 AM – 7:55 PM PT  
Saturday, September 10, 2016: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM PT  
Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 8

Robin L. Whitney, RN  
Collaborative Cancer Care Research Group,  
University of California, Davis  
Sacramento, California

**Abstract 26:** *Results from a Train-the-Trainer Communication Program for Oncology Nurses*
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<td><strong>Abstract 44</strong>: Usage of Oregon’s Death With Dignity Act (DWDA)</td>
<td>Elaine Wittenberg, PhD</td>
<td>Division of Nursing Research and Education, Department of Popular Sciences, City of Hope, Duarte, California</td>
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<td><strong>Abstract 103</strong>: Randomized trial of inpatient palliative care in patients hospitalized for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCT)</td>
<td>Charles David Blanke, MD</td>
<td>Oregon Health &amp; Science University, Portland, Oregon</td>
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<td><strong>Abstract 105</strong>: Attitudes of radiation oncologists toward palliative and supportive care in the United States: Report on National Membership Survey by the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)</td>
<td>Areej El-Jawahri, MD</td>
<td>Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts</td>
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<td><strong>Abstract 176</strong>: A provider-based quality improvement intervention aimed at improving appropriateness of radiation therapy regimens for patients with advanced cancer and painful bone metastases</td>
<td>Randy Wei, MD, PhD</td>
<td>UC Irvine School of Medicine, Orange, California</td>
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