SAN DIEGO – Five studies exploring noteworthy issues in palliative care will be presented at the 2017 Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium, taking place October 27-28 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. These key abstracts explore several approaches for improving quality of life and quality of care for people with cancer, as well as survivors of cancer.

Palliative and supportive care experts are available to comment on the studies below.

**Abstract 46:**

*The PULSES project: Teaching the vital elements of code status discussions to oncology residents.*

Poster Session B
Saturday, October 28, 2017: 7:00 - 7:55 a.m. PT,
Saturday, October 28, 2017: 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. PT
Manchester Grand Hyatt, Grand Hall B, Lobby Level

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Abstract 154:
Defining the elements of early palliative care (PC) that are associated with patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and the delivery of end-of-life (EOL) care.

Oral Abstract Session A
Friday, October 27, 2017: 10:00 - 10:10 a.m. PT,
Manchester Grand Hyatt, Harbor Ballroom D,
Harbor Tower, 2nd Floor

Michael Hoerger, PhD, MS
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Abstract 191:
A multimodal intervention to enhance sexual function and quality of life (QOL) in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HCT) survivors.

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Areej El-Jawahri, MD
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**Abstract 229:**

*Cranial electrotherapy stimulation for the management of depression, anxiety, sleep disturbance, and pain in patients with advanced cancer: A preliminary study.*

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Friday, October 27, 2017: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. PT,  
Friday, October 27, 2017: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. PT  
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Sriram Yennu, MD  
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**Abstract 230:**

*Randomized trial of a smartphone mobile app for adherence to oral chemotherapy.*

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