ASCOn Announces Top Studies to Be Presented During Virtual Cancer Science Meeting, May 29-31

New Research on the Impact of COVID-19 on Patients With Cancer, Precision Medicine, and Access to Care to be Featured

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – This year the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) will deliver the latest cancer science to the global oncology community in a new virtual format. Advances in immunotherapies and targeted therapies for lung, colorectal, ovarian, and bladder cancers; improvements in access to cancer care, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on people with cancer are among the topics that will be highlighted in the virtual scientific program of the 2020 ASCO Annual Meeting.

The meeting's virtual scientific program, to be held May 29-31, will provide an engaging lineup of scheduled and on-demand scientific content across a variety of approaches, disciplines, and specialties. The theme of this year’s meeting is Unite and Conquer: Accelerating Progress Together.

Approximately 2,215 abstracts were accepted for presentation during the virtual scientific program, and more than 3,400 additional abstracts were accepted for online publication. The vast majority of these abstracts will be publicly posted on abstracts.asco.org on Wednesday, May 13, at 5:00 p.m. ET. Late-Breaking Abstracts (LBAs), including Plenary abstracts, will be released online on Thursday, May 28, at 5:00 p.m. ET. The complete embargo schedule is
EMBARGOED PRESSCAST – Tuesday, May 12, 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

An embargoed virtual presscast for credentialed media will be held on May 12 to highlight the following studies (embargo will lift on May 13 at 5:00 p.m. ET):

- The first national-scale study on cancer mortality rates in states with and without Medicaid expansion after the adoption of the Affordable Care Act. (Abstract 2003)
- A phase III trial assessing survival after maintenance treatment with the PARP inhibitor olaparib in patients with platinum-sensitive, relapsed ovarian cancer and a BRCA mutation. (Abstract 6002)
- A randomized controlled trial examining the use of videoconference interventions to reduce anxiety and distress in caregivers who live far away from patients with cancer. (Abstract 12123)
- International study examining the survival benefit of quitting smoking, even shortly before a lung cancer diagnosis. (Abstract 1512)
- A prospective study on quality of life for older patients after integrating geriatric assessment and management into cancer care. (Abstract 12011)

EMBARGOED PRESSCAST – Tuesday, May 26, 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET

An embargoed virtual presscast for media will be held on May 26 to highlight the following studies (embargo will lift on May 28 at 5:00 p.m. ET):

- Data from the COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium (CCC19) examining mortality and severe illness among patients with cancer who have contracted COVID-19, and use of azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine. (Abstract LBA110)
- Latest global research on COVID-19 in patients with thoracic cancers examining the impact of specific cancer treatments on outcomes. (Abstract LBA111)
- Phase III Keynote-177 trial comparing pembrolizumab to standard therapy as first-line treatment for select patients with advanced colorectal cancer. (Abstract LBA4, Plenary)
- Phase III study assessing the efficacy of adjuvant use of targeted agent osimertinib in patients with localized non-small-cell lung cancer and EGFR mutation after complete tumor resection and adjuvant chemotherapy. (LBA5, Plenary)
- Phase III interim analysis examining maintenance treatment with the immunotherapy avelumab after platinum-based first-line chemotherapy in advanced bladder cancer. (Abstract LBA1, Plenary)
- Phase II study looking at avelumab in patients with gestational trophoblastic tumors resistant to chemotherapy. (Abstract LBA6008)
- INFORM study examining use of precision medicine for pediatric cancers with poor prognosis. (Abstract LBA10503)

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