Featured Research From 2017 Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium Explores Communication, Quality of Life Issues for People With Cancer

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – New research examining patient-physician communication, yoga as supportive care, and psychosocial support for people with cancer will be featured in the official Press Program for the 2017 Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium. Co-sponsors announced today the four abstracts that will be included in the Press Program.

Researchers will present the findings of these studies in an embargoed presscast for reporters, taking place Monday, October 23, 2017, from 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. ET. The following studies will be highlighted during the presscast:

- A randomized trial evaluating whether physician’s use of a computer in the examination room affects how patients with advanced cancer perceive the physician's compassion, communication skills, and professionalism (Abstract 26).
- A study exploring how older patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) understand their prognosis and treatment risks (Abstract 43).
- A randomized trial exploring the benefits of a yoga program for patients with lung cancer receiving radiotherapy and their family caregivers (Abstract 125).
- A randomized trial investigating the effect of a brief intervention on quality of life, distress, and resilience in adolescents and young adults with cancer (Abstract 176).

The 2017 Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium will take place October 27-28 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. Research presented at this year’s meeting will address a broad range of topics in cancer care, from the biologic causes of symptoms to caring for patients' psychosocial and spiritual needs during cancer treatment and at the end of life. Reporters on site will have access to a working newsroom and leading palliative care experts.
Visit the 2017 Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium Media Resource Center for instructions on how to register for the meeting, as well as how to access embargoed media materials.

Four leading medical specialty societies co-sponsor the Symposium: the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), and the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC).

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**About the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine:**
The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine’s (AAHPM) is the professional organization dedicated to advancing hospice and palliative care and improving the care of patients with serious illness. Our activities focus on professional education and training, development of a specialist workforce, support for clinical practice standards, research, and public policy advocacy.

**About ASCO:**

Founded in 1964, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®) is committed to making a world of difference in cancer care. As the world’s leading organization of its kind, ASCO represents more than 40,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Through research, education, and promotion of the highest-quality patient care, ASCO works to conquer cancer and create a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. ASCO is supported by its affiliate organization, the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Learn more at [www.ASCO.org](http://www.ASCO.org), explore patient education resources at [www.Cancer.Net](http://www.Cancer.Net), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

**About the American Society for Radiation Oncology:**
The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) is the premier radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who are physicians, nurses, biologist, physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists and other health care professionals that specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through professional education and training, support for clinical practice and health policy standards, advancement of science and research, and advocacy.

ASTRO publishes three medical journals, *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics, Practical Radiation Oncology*, and *Advances in Radiation Oncology*, developed and maintains an extensive patient website; and created the *Radiation Oncology Institute*, a non-profit
foundation to support research and education efforts around the world that enhance and confirm the critical role of radiation therapy in improving cancer treatment.

About the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer:
The Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) is an international, multidisciplinary organization with members from six continents and nearly 70 countries. It operates in collaboration with the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO). Founded in 1990, MASCC is dedicated to research and education in all areas of supportive care for patients with cancer, regardless of the stage of the disease. MASCC promotes professional expertise in supportive care through research and the scientific exchange of ideas. A focus on supportive care leads to better treatment outcomes and greater quality of life for people with cancer.