Featured Studies for 2016 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium Shed Light on Relationship Between Early Palliative Care & Coping, the Cancer Caregiving Experience and Accessibility of Palliative Care Services

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- Co-sponsors of the 2016 Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium announced today four abstracts that will be highlighted for media. Embargoed media materials featuring in-depth analysis on the following topics will be available to media in late August:

- Investigating the accessibility of palliative care and supportive care services at cancer centers in the U.S. (Abstract 122).
- Identifying the differences in self-care behaviors among family caregivers of patients with high-mortality cancer (Abstract 239).
- Exploring whether cancer caregivers’ needs differ from those of non-cancer caregivers (Abstract 4).
- Evaluating the impact of early integrated palliative and oncology care (Abstract 104).

This year’s Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium will take place September 9-10 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis. Abstracts will provide vital information to inform the entire cancer care continuum, from diagnosis to end-of-life care, while offering additional context about the whole-patient perspective. On-site facilities for reporters will include a working newsroom and access to leading palliative care experts.

Visit the 2016 Palliative 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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