PLWC Resources

PLWC Podcasts Deliver Oncologist-Approved Information to Patients

PLWC now offers information in a new format—podcasts: free prerecorded audio files that can be downloaded from PLWC.org.

In each podcast, a specific cancer-related topic will be addressed to assist people living with cancer. Recent podcast topics include news from the 2007 ASCO Annual Meeting, how to choose an oncologist, finding a treatment center, preventing lymphedema after breast cancer treatment, follow-up care for colorectal cancer, and first steps to take after being diagnosed with cancer. Visit www.plwc.org/podcasts to access this collection of audio podcasts, and be sure to mention this valuable service available on PLWC to your patients.

Updated ASCO Patient Guide on Bisphosphonates for Multiple Myeloma

The updated *ASCO Patient Guide: Bisphosphonates for Multiple Myeloma* is available on PLWC at www.plwc.org/patientguides as a text-only format and a PDF. Based on an updated clinical practice guideline published by ASCO, this patient guide describes the updated recommendations for the use of bisphosphonates, a brief analysis of what the recommendations mean for patients, questions patients can ask their doctors, and a list of resources for additional information. The new topics covered in this guide include the monitoring and management of potential adverse effects of bisphosphonate treatment, such as osteonecrosis of the jaw and renal impairment.

Cancer in Older Adults Booklet Offered for Patients and Families

Cancer in Older Adults is a new, comprehensive booklet containing geriatric oncology–related information for patients and their families. It includes excerpts from a patient-friendly adaptation of the ASCO curriculum: *Cancer in the Older Population* and other PLWC resources. Topics addressed include daily life and managing care, treatment, coexisting conditions, health assessment, clinical trials, and patient information resources. The booklet was produced by ASCO with the support of the Association of Specialty Professors Geriatric Development Initiative. To order free copies, please call 703-519-2927 or send an e-mail to contactus@plwc.org.

Special PLWC Series Explains Bone Marrow Transplantation

Recent highlights on PLWC include a four-part series of articles, entitled *Understanding Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplantation*, designed to help patients considering having transplantation. The series' special guest author is

Cancer Advances Summary Available for Patients, from the 2007 ASCO Annual Meeting

Cancer Advances: News From the 2007 ASCO Annual Meeting is now available, summarizing the research highlighted during the meeting's press program. This publication is designed to provide patients and their families with access to the latest information about cancer research, prevention, care, and treatment as presented at the 43rd ASCO Annual Meeting. In addition to clinical research summaries, the newsletter explains how each finding relates to cancer care in the section What This Means for Patients.

The newsletter is available on the PLWC Web site at www.plwc.org/canceradvances. To obtain print copies, call the ASCO Communications and Patient Information Department at 703-519-2927.

Edward Agura, MD, director of the Program in Blood and Marrow Transplant at Baylor University Medical Center (Dallas, Texas). The articles provide readers with a thorough introduction to transplantation and the types of transplantation, common adverse effects, and answers to frequently asked questions. The series is now a permanent part of the library of PLWC Features, which now total more than 120 articles online at www.plwc.org/features.

New Spanish Content: Pancreatic Cancer Information

PLWC continues to increase its content for Spanish-speaking patients and their families. The most recent addition is a translation of PLWC's pancreatic cancer section. This includes peer-reviewed information on diagnosis, treatment, clinical trials, current research, adverse effects, after treatment, and questions to ask the doctor. With this addition, PLWC now offers information on the 20 most common cancers found in Hispanic and Latino adults in the United States. All Spanish content on PLWC can be found at www.plwc.org/espanol or www.plwc.org/spanish.

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