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Patient Guides Help Your Patients Understand ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines

ASCO Patient Guides are easy-to-read summaries based on ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines that are designed to help your patients understand the recommended treatment for different types of cancer and cancer-related symptoms. They provide a patient-oriented view of the guidelines: providing background information, discussing the recommendations, explaining what those recommendations mean for patients, and providing a list of questions to ask their doctors for more information.

A corresponding *ASCO Patient Guide* is created from any new or updated ASCO Clinical Practice Guideline that is applicable to patients and can help them understand and manage their care. The newest additions and updates to *ASCO Patient Guides* include:

- *ASCO Patient Guide: Epoetin and Darbepoetin* explains the recommendations for the use of epoetin and darbepoetin to treat chemotherapy-associated anemia, updated after a March 2007 US Food and Drug Administration public health advisory on the safety of these drugs.
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Preventing and Treating Blood Clots* describes the recommendations for the treatment and prevention of blood clots before and after surgery and during chemotherapy.
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Adjuvant Treatment for Lung Cancer* outlines the recommendations for the use of adjuvant treatment for stage I, II, IIIA non-small-cell lung cancer.
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Tumor Markers for Breast Cancer* describes the recommendations regarding different tumor markers that should be used at specific points during the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

In addition to these four titles, ASCO's People Living With Cancer Web site (www.plwc.org) offers more than 20 other

Patient Guides on topics ranging from the use of specific treatments to recommendations for follow-up care. The following titles are some of the *Patient Guides* that are available:

- *ASCO Patient Guide: Hormone Therapy for Advanced Prostate Cancer*
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Follow-Up Care for Breast Cancer*
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Preserving the Larynx During Cancer Treatment*
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Preventing Nausea and Vomiting Caused by Cancer Treatment*
- *ASCO Patient Guide: Fertility Preservation*

Several *ASCO Patient Guides* are also available in Spanish:

- *Guía ASCO para el Paciente: Terapia Hormonal para el Cáncer de Próstata Avanzado*
- *Guía ASCO para el Paciente: Atención de Seguimiento del Cáncer de Mama*
- *Guía ASCO para el Paciente: Preservación de la Fertilidad*
- *Guía ASCO para el Paciente: Atención de Seguimiento para el Cáncer Colorrectal*
- *Guía ASCO para el Paciente: Tratamiento del Cáncer de Pulmón Avanzado*

Direct your patients to PLWC at www.plwc.org/patientguides to read and download the complete list of *ASCO Patient Guide* titles as a text-only format or PDF.

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