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CCOP NEWS



A Community of Caring in Cancer Research

Columbus Community Clinical Oncology Program

COMING SOON!

2009 ASCO REVIEW

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lung Cancer
Brain Cancer
Breast Cancer
GU Cancers
GI Cancers
Lymphoma
Cancer Control
Gynecologic Malignancies

PRESENTED BY THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CLINICAL ONCOLOGY PROGRAM
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The 2009 ASCO Review is just around the corner! There are still seats left and you can still register.

Registration information can be found at :

www.columbusccop.org

or by calling 614-488-3321

or email

steveo@columbusccop.org

- **Gynecologic Malignancies**

Dr. Maurie Markman
MD Anderson Cancer Center

- **Lung Cancer**

Dr. Mark Socinski
University of North Carolina

- **Brain Cancer**

Dr. Mark Gilbert
MD Anderson Cancer Center

- **GU Cancers**

Dr. Derek Raghavan
Cleveland Clinic

- **Breast Cancer**

Dr. Claudine Isaacs
Georgetown University

- **GI Cancers**

Dr. Richard Goldberg
University of North Carolina

- **Lymphoma**

Dr. Richard Fisher
James P Wilmot Cancer Center

- **Cancer Control**

Dr. Charles Loprinzi
Mayo Clinic



OUR MISSION: The Columbus Community Clinical Oncology Program (Columbus CCOP) strives to deliver state-of-the-art cancer care to patients in their communities through clinical trials. This allows individuals to remain in their own neighborhoods while receiving the latest and best in cancer screenings, diagnostic care and treatment plans.

Please send newsletter comments to steveo@columbusccop.org



DR. KUEBLER'S CCOP UPDATES

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I would like to deliver a short message to you. We are very busy working on the Columbus CCOP's competitive renewal grant, which will consist of hundreds of pages. We will report our successes and challenges for the past five years and will be competing against a very good group of CCOPs across the nation. However, we have an advantage: the Columbus CCOP is one of the very good CCOPs, and that is because of you! Patient accrual, data timeliness and data accuracy is what it is all about when it comes to reviewing CCOP grants. So, in effect, the grant the CCOP central office is working on is your grant. All we are doing is telling your story, and we are confident the people on the grant review committee at the NCI enjoy a good story. We will keep you informed.

Now for a word about the Columbus CCOP's 2009 ASCO Review. This year's national ASCO meeting was one of the more interesting I have attended. Although no earth shaking results were released, there were some items that could and should change clinical practice. There is not enough room to list all of them here, and besides, one person cannot attend every session at the national ASCO Meeting. However, you can come close by attending the Columbus CCOP's 2009 ASCO Review scheduled for June 18th. You will have the opportunity to hear the latest news from experts in most areas covered at the national ASCO meeting. Given the caliber of the faculty, the Columbus CCOP's 2009 ASCO Review should be among the best we have sponsored. Our ASCO Review is also a good time to share your thoughts and comments about your CCOP. Who knows? Your ideas may show up in our grant. I hope to see you there!

Have a good summer!



Columbus CCOP Principal Investigator



Please welcome Dr. Tejas Lodhawala to the Columbus CCOP. Dr. Lodhawala currently practices at Hematology Oncology Consultants, Inc. and Riverside Methodist Hospital.

JOANNA LUPARDUS



Congratulations to Joanna Lupardus, RN, Marietta Memorial Hospital, for winning the Eleanor Fenton Award. This award is given to hospital employees who are nominated for meeting 6 areas of excellence. Joanna was selected from 5 other employees who were nominated and was honored at the Employee Recognition dinner on May 13th.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 18, 2009: There are still seats available! Don't miss the **Columbus CCOP 2009 ASCO Review** to be held at the Villa Milano, Columbus, Ohio. Our line up of expert speakers will present the latest developments in oncology. Registration forms have been mailed and are available on the Columbus CCOP website at www.columbusccop.org.

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July 30, 2009: Dr. Zale Bernstein will give a presentation titled **A Clinical Perspective on the Treatment of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma** at the Hyde Park Steakhouse, 569 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, on July 30th at 6:30 pm. Dr. Bernstein is Medical Director, Center for Cancer Care and Immuno Blood Conditions, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine. This presentation is being provided by Cephalon, Inc. Registration information will be available soon.



DID YOU KNOW?

NCI has a new Web site that contains graphic-rich tutorials for educational use by life science teachers, medical professionals, and the interested public. It can be found at:

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/UnderstandingCancer>

Many tutorials are also available in PDF and PowerPoint formats that may be downloaded from the Web. Simply click on any title listed and when the tutorial opens, click within the Page Options box located in the left margin. The art presented is copyrighted and distributed free of charge for educational purposes.



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Columbus CCOP
Executive Director

MRS. STACYE NELSON



Stacye Winemiller, Research Data Specialist at the Columbus CCOP, is now Mrs. Stacye Nelson. The beautiful bride was married on Saturday, May 23rd, to Mr. Trevor Nelson. They recently returned to work from a great honeymoon cruise.

Best wishes to Stacye and Trevor!



THE COMMUNITY CLINICAL ONCOLOGY PROGRAM—SOME OBSERVATIONS

The national Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP) began in 1983 through a grant program funded by the National Cancer Institute. Since that time it has continued to grow. Today, one-third of all patients accrued to NCI sponsored cancer treatment, prevention and control clinical trials are through CCOPs. There are now 50 CCOPs in 35 states across the country, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Over 4,000 physicians participate in NCI clinical trials through the CCOP Program. Over 100 clinical trials are presently ongoing through the Columbus CCOP, with over 1,500 active patients. The Columbus CCOP has accrued about 6,000 patients since it's inception.

The CCOP program continues to make significant contributions to cancer research by helping to answer pressing questions about cancer more quickly so changes to clinical practice can be implemented. In the end, CCOP members work hard with the hope that patients will benefit.



NCI TRIAL NEWS

The following trials are now open for accrual:

CALGB 70604: A Randomized Phase III Study of Standard Dosing Versus Longer Dosing Interval of Zoledronic Acid in Metastatic Cancer. This is a New Cancer Control Trial for Metastatic Cancer (Breast, Prostate, MM)

RTOG 0825: A Phase III Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial of Conventional Concurrent Chemoradiation and Adjuvant Temozolomide Plus Bevacizumab in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma

SWOG 0801: A Phase II Study of Iodine-131 Labeled Tositumomab in Combination with Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, Vincristine, Prednisone and Tituximab Therapy for Patients with Advanced Stage Follicular Non-hodgkin's Lymphoma

URCC 07079: This cancer control trial will close effective 06/19/2009

Protocol and consent forms can be found at www.columbusccop.org



STRECKER CANCER CENTER GRAND OPENING

A grand opening for the new Strecker Cancer Center at Marietta Memorial Hospital was held May 21st. This event was attended by community members, physicians, and nurses. This 20,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility is aimed at patient needs and was designed to minimize stress on both patients and families by combining natural light, water, warmth and a quiet environment. It also includes the addition of Tomotherapy. The Tomo irradiates all of the tumor volume at one time, but it is delivered at more angles so the dose can be higher with fewer side effects. The machine will make adjustments as the tumor decreases in size.

The new Strecker Cancer Center serves Washington, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Athens, Wood, Pleasants, Meigs counties in Ohio and West Virginia.



Strecker Cancer Center
Marietta, Ohio



From left to right: Tricia Becker,
Dr. Abhyankar, Joanna Lupardis



Dr. Vasan



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