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# CCOP NEWS



A Community of Caring in Cancer Research

## Columbus Community Clinical Oncology Program

### DR. KUEBLER'S CCOP UPDATES

I hope your summer is going great! Life at the Columbus CCOP central office has slowed down a bit now that our 5 year competitive renewal grant has been sent to the National Cancer Institute. The Columbus CCOP grant has been assigned to a study section (grant review committee), and we expect to hear our priority score early 2010. Let's hope for a good ranking.

Accrual was robust for the first month of this grant year. Let's sustain this momentum! Hopefully some new studies coming down the pike will fill some protocol gaps.

Cancer control studies seem always to be fewer in number, but we continue to look for trials seeking to improve upon the quality of life for our patients. We are also making a concerted push for better coverage in the area of brain cancer. Keep an eye on the Columbus CCOP's protocol list over the next few months.

The SWOG audit was the week of August 10th. Thanks to those of you who sent data or helped Debby get ready. Audits are no fun, but a necessary process to ensure quality scientific data so that we can all trust and utilize the results of these studies to better treat our patients.

As always ... thanks for your ongoing support of the Columbus CCOP. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

#### KUEBLER'S



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Columbus CCOP Principal Investigator

### NCI CANCER BULLETIN

The NCI Cancer Bulletin is a biweekly online newsletter designed to provide current information about cancer research. The bulletin is published about 24 times a year by the National Cancer Institute, with day-to-day operational oversight conducted by federal and contract staff in the NCI Office of Communications and Education. Features of the bulletin include the latest information from major scientific journals, in-depth articles and special reports, clinical trial information, updates on legislative issues, and federal agency news.

You can view, search and subscribe by visiting <http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin>

**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](mailto:steveo@columbusccop.org)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

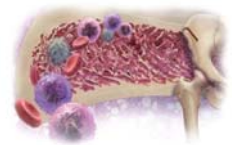
**September 2, 2009: September CCOP Nurses Meeting.** The September meeting will include a presentation on Optimizing Treatment for Stage III and Metastatic Colon Cancer Patients. The speaker will be Suzette Walker, NP, from the University of Michigan. Details will be emailed to you soon.



**September 6, 2009: Movemmore 5k or 1 mile run/walk.** This event will be held at Fred Beekman Park at Kenny Road & Lane Ave. It is sponsored by Multiple Myeloma Opportunities for Research & Education (MMORE). Proceeds will support multiple myeloma research. You can register at [www.mmore.org](http://www.mmore.org) or at the event on September 6th between 7:00 am and 8:20 am.



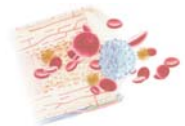
**September 16, 2009: Myelodysplastic Syndromes.** This CME evening program will be presented by Dr. William Blum of The Ohio State University. The location is McCormick and Schmick's at Easton Towne Center. Plan to sign-in between 6:00 PM and 6:15PM. You can register at [www.dlnrequest.com/register](http://www.dlnrequest.com/register).



**October 25, 2009: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.** Help the American Cancer Society fight breast cancer by participating in this annual event. This five kilometer event will start at COSI. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the walk/run starts at 10:00 am. Please visit [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline) for more information.



**January 28, 2010: Multiple Myeloma.** Mark your calendar for this CME evening program. Additional details and registration information will be available soon.



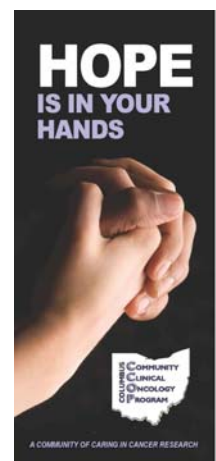
## NCI TRIAL NEWS

The following trial is now open for accrual:

**RTOG 0539:** A phase II trial of observation for low-risk meningiomas and of radiotherapy for intermediate and high risk meningiomas.

The focus on **cancer control** trials continues this year. Columbus CCOP members are asked to screen new patients to determine if they are eligible to participate. As always ... thank you for your support!

Protocol and consent forms can be found at [www.columbusccop.org](http://www.columbusccop.org)



## COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The summer has passed us so fast I hope all of you have had a great one! Soon the fall will be on us and the leaves will provide us with their passing colors, OSU football will become the hot topic around town, our children will head off to school and summer will be a distant memory.



However, fall is a great time to reflect and plan, but it too is oh so brief.

Please take a little time and think of who and how we can help. Year before last we had one of our best years ever in accrual, but last year we barely made our minimums. What can we do at the CCOP to help you make the balance of this year a resounding research success!

Thanks so much.

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Columbus CCOP  
Executive Director



Please welcome Dr. Rickey Myhand to the Columbus CCOP. Dr. Myhand is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, and earned his medical degree from Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA. He is currently with Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio.