



# PLWC Bulletin

Oncologist-approved cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology

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## Four Breast Cancer Types on PLWC

In addition to providing thorough information on general **breast cancer** diagnosis, treatment, and after treatment, PLWC offers detailed sections on three rare breast cancer types: **inflammatory breast cancer**, **male breast cancer**, and **metaplastic breast cancer**. Found in PLWC's *Cancer Types* section, all four have been recently updated by the PLWC Editorial Board to include the latest advancements on treatment and care.

## New on PLWC

- **Reader Survey about PLWC.** Take this brief online survey to let us know what you think of PLWC, which was redesigned earlier this year to provide readers with better access to comprehensive cancer information.
- **ASCO Patient Guide: Follow-up Care for Breast Cancer.** These newly updated recommendations reflect the latest developments in the follow-up care of people treated for breast cancer.
- **Cancer Advances on Early Breast Cancer Treatment.** A new analysis is available that indicates it is safe for women with early-stage breast cancer to wait up to 12 weeks after surgery to begin chemotherapy.
- **"Ask the ASCO Expert" Transcript: Breast Cancer Basics and Beyond.** Find out how ASCO President Gabriel Hortobagyi, MD, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, answered PLWC readers' most pressing questions about breast cancer earlier this month.
- **Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS).** Detailed information is now available on PLWC about this group of disorders affecting the blood and bone marrow, some of which can lead to acute myeloid leukemia.
- **Updated Section on CAM.** PLWC has enhanced its information on complementary and alternative medicine, commonly referred to as CAM, including an expanded "Questions to Ask about CAM" section for patients.

## Upcoming Events on PLWC

## Did You Know?

PLWC recently received dual honors from the 2006 Web Marketing Association's *WebAwards* program for outstanding achievements in website development. In this prestigious competition, PLWC was recognized for setting a "standard of excellence" for both health care websites and medical websites. For more details, visit PLWC's *About Us* section.

While PLWC is appreciative of this recognition, it is more important that people living with cancer feel that PLWC is serving their needs in terms of content quality and ease of use. Therefore, PLWC is asking everyone who visits the site for two minutes of their time to complete a **short online survey**. Thank you in advance for providing this valuable feedback!

After you fill out the survey, be sure to continue exploring the award-winning content of PLWC using the blue navigation bar below.

**"Ask the ASCO Expert" Series: November 8, 2006:** PLWC visitors should mark their calendars now to participate in PLWC's online chat on **"Living With Lung Cancer."**



Mark Kris, MD

From 2:00-3:00 PM ET on Wednesday, November 8, your questions on such lung cancer topics as the newest treatments and research advances, prevention and screening, and how to manage symptoms and side effects will be answered by Mark Kris, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

**Not able to join this "Ask the ASCO Expert" event?** Email your question to [chats@plwc.org](mailto:chats@plwc.org) now! Advance questions are being accepted. Dr. Kris will answer as many questions as possible during the hour, and a full event transcript will be archived in PLWC's *ASCO Resources* section.

## Patients' Toolbox

Each month, PLWC offers original **Feature Articles**, which address common challenges for people living with cancer and offer practical, how-to information. The latest features include a special three-part series about young adults as caregivers:

- **Young Adults Taking Care of a Parent With Cancer** examines the common feelings that can occur when a person in their 20s or 30s becomes a caregiver to a parent. The article also offers support options and coping strategies.
- **Young Adults as Long-Distance Caregivers** addresses the unique set of challenges these caregivers face when the parent with cancer lives far away.
- **Parenting and Caring for Parents With Cancer** provides suggestions for those caregivers who must balance how to take care of both a parent and children of their own.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 120+ other **Feature***

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For more information about ASCO's patient information resources, visit [www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org) or call 888-651-3038.

## Articles on PLWC!

### In the News

Here are some of this month's cancer-related news headlines:

- October 11, 2006: Red hair genes up skin cancer risk, study confirms (Reuters Health)
- October 10, 2006: Exercise during radiation may keep anemia at bay (Reuters Health)
- October 9, 2006: Radiotherapy cuts bowel cancer recurrence: study (Reuters Health)
- October 5, 2006: Chemo has long-term impact on brain function (Reuters Health)
- October 5, 2006: Racial disparities seen in bladder cancer survival (Reuters Health)
- *For more headlines, visit PLWC's News Articles section.*

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The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians of all oncology subspecialties who care for people with cancer. ASCO's more than 23,000 members from the United States and abroad set the standard for patient care worldwide and lead the fight for more effective cancer treatments, increased funding for clinical and translational research, and, ultimately, cures for the many different types of cancer that strike an estimated 10 million people worldwide each year. In addition to producing the award-winning patient information website *People Living With Cancer* ([www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org)), ASCO publishes the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JCO), the preeminent, peer-reviewed medical journal on clinical cancer research, and the *Journal of Oncology Practice* (JOP), the authoritative resource for practicing oncologists making day-to-day decisions regarding clinical and administrative management.

