

Cancer.Net™ Bulletin

Trusted cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology

THIS MONTH ON CANCER.NET: News from the ASCO Annual Meeting, Olivia Newton-John and Cancer.Net launch Kaleidoscope, help with managing the cost of cancer care, drugs to lower the risk of breast cancer, and much more!

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Listen to ASCO Experts on the Latest Research Advances

Special Cancer.Net Podcasts this month take a step behind the scenes at the ASCO Annual Meeting where top experts recap the research news and explain trends in cancer treatment and more. Find out the advances and issues that affect you the most by choosing from the following topics:

Quality of Cancer Care, with Douglas Blayney, MD

Personalized Cancer Care, with Sonali Smith, MD

Women's Cancers, with Eric Winer, MD

Must See

Looking for News from the ASCO Annual Meeting? Get facts on top research studies affecting cancer treatment, prevention, survivorship, and more. Search **patient-friendly summaries** by cancer type, listen to **podcasts**, or watch **videos** of ASCO experts on the latest research news. Plus, read an **expert perspective** from Richard L. Schilsky, MD, on the Meeting held last week in Orlando, Florida, and how its theme of personalizing cancer care affects you.



Attendees visit the ASCO Patient Information Booth at the 2009 Annual Meeting

Olivia Newton-John Launches Kaleidoscope: Watch performer Olivia Newton-John introduce an upcoming television special featuring ASCO and Cancer.Net to promote awareness of all cancers that affect women.

New Study on Increases in Cancer Incidence: Get the

Lung Cancer, with
Bruce Johnson, MD

**Gastrointestinal
Cancers**, with Nicholas
Petrelli, MD

Calling All Survivors!

Submit your artwork for the 2010 *Expressions of Hope* calendar. We invite anyone who has been affected by cancer—patients, survivors, families, caregivers—to share their emotions through art and inspire others. **Find out more** about the artwork specifications and how to submit an entry.

For more information on *News and Events*, use the blue navigation bar below to explore this and other sections of Cancer.Net.

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facts on this new study in ASCO's *Journal of Clinical Oncology* reporting that the total number of Americans diagnosed with cancer each year will rise with disproportionate increases among older people and minorities.

Cancer.Net Feature Articles

Practical, how-to information on a variety of topics for people living with cancer. The latest Features include:

Understanding Immunotherapy

Get the basics on this type of cancer treatment that uses the body's immune system to fight cancer.

Facts About Personalized Cancer Medicine

Everyone is talking about "personalized medicine," but what does it mean for people with cancer? Find out with these examples.

How to Read a Medical Abstract in a Research Study

More patients are turning to medical abstracts to research treatment options. Learn how to find abstracts and what to look for when reading them.

Starting Cancer Treatment

Wonder why it may take some time before you begin treatment? Get the answers and learn what steps to take after a diagnosis.

MUGA Scan-What to Expect

Some people with cancer receiving chemotherapy and survivors of childhood cancer may need this test. Read what will happen during the procedure.

Finding a Support Buddy

Looking to connect with a survivor of your same type of cancer? Find out how these organizations can help.

For more information about ASCO's patient information resources, visit www.cancer.net or call 888-651-3038.



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Cancer Advances ASCO Annual Meeting
PROVIDING THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT CANCER RESEARCH

Vaccine May Help Patients With Metastatic Melanoma Live Longer

A new study shows that patients who received a personalized treatment vaccine with interleukin-2 (IL-2), a standard treatment for advanced melanoma, lived longer than those who received only IL-2. The vaccine had no side effects, which is a very important finding for the patients in this study. It suggests that research can help our best long-term vaccine can help to drive melanoma growth.

What this means for patients: "This study is one of the first to show positive, promising results for a cancer vaccine," and had author Ching-Tai Chih, MD, Medical Director of the Center for Cancer Care at Golden Health System in Indiana and Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at Indiana University. "Melanoma is a very difficult disease to treat. These results show that we are making some progress against this disease." The vaccine has no side effects, which is a very important finding for the patients in this study. It suggests that research can help our best long-term vaccine can help to drive melanoma growth.

What to Ask Your Doctor

- What stage of melanoma do I have?
- What are the treatment options? (What about trials and gene therapy?)
- What are the risks and benefits of each treatment option?

For More Information: Personalized Medicine

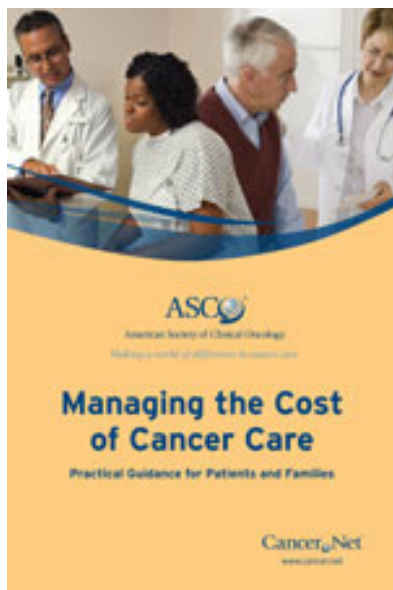
- Guide About Personalized Cancer Medicine (www.asco.org/personalized)
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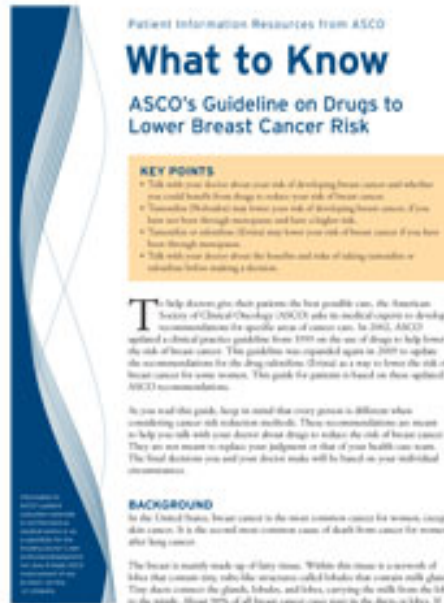
Cancer Advances: News for Patients From the ASCO Annual Meeting

Check out more summaries of research studies presented at ASCO's Annual Meeting. Each summary breaks down a study in easy terms to understand, suggests questions to ask the doctor, and gives links to more information on Cancer.Net. **Download the newsletter** or e-mail contactus@cancer.net for a free copy.



Download ASCO's new *Managing the Cost of Cancer Care* booklet

Learn more about the costs associated with your cancer care, get a list of questions to ask your doctor, find out where to turn for help, and read tips on getting organized. Plus, read more tips from Lidia Schapira, MD, and what to know about this booklet (also **en Español**) in this **expert perspective**.



New Guideline on Drugs to Reduce Breast Cancer Risk

Some women might benefit from drugs to reduce their risk of breast cancer. Read what to know about ASCO's new guideline: get the facts on drugs studied to reduce this risk, learn which ones ASCO recommends, and get a list of questions and other matters to talk about with your doctor.

Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer. Read updates to some of the website's sections of cancer types, including:

- Melanoma
- Skin Cancer (Non-Melanoma)
- Testicular Cancer

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