

# Cancer<sub>o</sub>Net™ Bulletin

Oncologist-approved cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology and The ASCO Cancer Foundation

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## Did You Know?

The **ASCO Cancer Education Slides**, formerly the Cancer.Net Slide Decks, provide reliable, oncologist-approved cancer information in a turn-key Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Based on the **Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer**, the slides are intended for oncologists, oncology nurses, and other health-care professionals who give patient and community group lectures.

Each slide presentation offers a basic description of a type of cancer, and explains risk factors, diagnostic tests, treatment, clinical trials, current research, and after treatment care. The latest titles include **Understanding Acute Myeloid Leukemia** and **Understanding Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia**. Be sure to check out the

## New on Cancer.Net

- **JCO Cancer Advances on Disclosure of Incurable Illness to Spouses.** Learn more about this Swedish study, which found that more than 40% of widowers in that country whose wives had died from cancer four or five years earlier reported they were either never told that their spouse's cancer was incurable, or they heard this information during the last week of her life.
- **Cancer.Net Podcasts on Common Diagnostic Tests.** Listen to two new podcasts, **Ultrasound-What to Expect** and **PET Scan-What to Expect**. Hear helpful tips and questions to ask the doctor about these tests that allow doctors to look inside the body. Discover podcasts on other topics at [www.cancer.net/podcasts](http://www.cancer.net/podcasts).
- **Updated Section on Cancer Statistics.** Read about the general statistics about cancer and learn the different types of cancer statistics and how they can help evaluate a person's risk of cancer or chance of recovery.
- **ASCO Answers Fact Sheets Now Available for 20 Cancers.** Each fact sheet includes an overview of what the cancer is, an illustration of where the cancer starts, how it is treated, terms to know, and questions to ask the doctor. Order printed **ASCO Answers fact sheets** free of charge.
- **Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer.** Several of the website's sections of cancer types have been recently updated, including bile duct cancer, colorectal cancer, head

more than 20 **ASCO Cancer Education Slides** now available to download.

### **Attention Patient Advocates:**

Patient advocates are welcome to register for the upcoming **2008 Breast Cancer Symposium**, held **September 4-6, 2008**, in **Washington, DC**. The second annual Breast Cancer Symposium features abstracts and presentations on the latest multidisciplinary research affecting prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

To inquire about registration, please e-mail [patientadvocates@asco.org](mailto:patientadvocates@asco.org). All registration forms must be received no later than **August 27, 2008**. The discounted registration rate is available for up to two representatives per organization. Any additional representatives are welcome to register at the regular registration rate.

A limited block of rooms at the Hilton Washington are available to patient advocates on a first-come, first-served basis. The early housing deadline and early registration deadline is **Friday, August 1**. To obtain

and neck cancer, HIV and AIDS-related cancer, islet cell tumor, medulloblastoma, nasal cavity and paranasal sinus cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, salivary gland cancer, and stomach cancer. Some of the website's sections of leukemia have also been updated, including acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), and chronic myeloid leukemia (CML).

## **This Week on Cancer.Net**

### **ASCO Expert Corner: Young Adults With Cancer**

In this new article, Archie Bleyer, MD, discusses the most common types of cancer in young adults, strategies to manage late effects, and resources to help address emotional and social concerns.

**Read this ASCO Expert Corner.**

## **Patients' Toolbox**

Each month, Cancer.Net offers original **Feature Articles**, which address common challenges for people living with cancer and offer practical, how-to information. In addition to the article outlined above, the latest Features include:

- **Preparing Your Child for Medical Procedures** offers tips for parents on how to prepare their children and themselves to help reduce feelings of stress and anxiety before, during, and after diagnostic and treatment procedures.
- **ASCO Expert Corner: The Role of a Tumor Board in Cancer Treatment** is led by Anthony F. Provenzano, MD, who describes what a tumor board is and how they work to develop the best possible treatment plans for patients.
- **CT Scans and Cancer Risk** describes the benefits and risks of computed tomography (CT) scans and what to know when having this diagnostic examination.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 150+ other **Feature***

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## ***Articles on Cancer.Net!***

### **Quick Links**

Here are some quick links to some key sections of Cancer.Net:

- Newly Diagnosed? First Steps to Take
- Find an Oncologist
- Clinical Trials
- Managing Side Effects
- Survivorship: Next Steps to Take
- *For more sections, visit the blue navigation bar to the left.*

*Cancer.Net Bulletin* is a monthly newsletter highlighting new content and features of the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO) patient information website, Cancer.Net ([www.cancer.net](http://www.cancer.net)). Cancer.Net brings the expertise and resources of ASCO, the voice of the world's cancer physicians, to people living with cancer and those who care for and care about them. ASCO is composed of over 25,000 oncologists globally who are the leaders in advancing cancer care. All the information and content on Cancer.Net was developed and approved by the cancer doctors who are members of ASCO, making Cancer.Net the most up-to-date and trusted resource for cancer information on the Internet. Cancer.Net is made possible by The ASCO Cancer Foundation, which provides support for cutting-edge cancer research, education, and patient information.

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