

# 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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## Cancer Advances: News for Patients from ASCO Symposia

Be sure to check out this new section of Cancer.Net where you can learn about the latest cancer research news presented each year at American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) symposia on breast, gastrointestinal, and genitourinary cancers. *Cancer Advances* are patient-friendly summaries that help inform people with cancer about the latest advances in cancer research. *Cancer Advances* also provide summaries of research published in ASCO's preeminent, peer-reviewed medical journal, the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

What's more, Cancer.Net is your premiere resource for all of the breaking research news coming from **ASCO's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, held

## New on Cancer.Net

- **JCO Cancer Advances on Mastectomy in Older Women.** Read more about this first study to evaluate mammography in women 80 and older, which found that only about one-fifth of these women receive regular mammograms, even though regular screenings significantly reduce the risk of being diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer.
- **Cancer.Net Podcast on Dietary and Herbal Supplements.** Listen to this new **podcast** that describes the different types of dietary and herbal supplements and what to know before taking them.
- **Cancer.Net Podcast on What to Expect for an MRI.** Listen to what to anticipate when having magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), an important examination to help find and evaluate a tumor. Download this and other helpful podcasts at [www.cancer.net/podcasts](http://www.cancer.net/podcasts). Also, be sure to check out the related Cancer.Net Feature on **MRI for detecting breast cancer**.
- **Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer.** Several of the website's sections of cancer types have been recently updated, including appendix cancer, gallbladder cancer, and multiple myeloma. Updated *Cancer Types* that have been translated into Spanish include leucemia mieloide aguda (AML) infantil (childhood acute myeloid leukemia [AML]) and cáncer de vesícula biliar (gallbladder cancer).
- **Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer-Related Syndromes.** Several of the website's sections of cancer-related syndromes have also been updated, including ataxia-telangiectasia, attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis,

May 30 to June 3 in Chicago. Visit Cancer.Net soon to learn about the latest research studies affecting cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship - all featured in *Cancer Advances: News for Patients from the ASCO Annual Meeting*.

### **Survivors of All Ages: Submit Your Artwork for the 2009 Expressions of Hope Calendar**

Don't miss out on the chance to feature your artwork in ASCO's annual calendar! Through May 31, ASCO is accepting submissions for our Expressions of Hope wall calendar. We invite anyone who has been affected by cancer - patients, survivors, families, caregivers - to share their emotions through art and inspire hope in 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

Cowden syndrome, familial adenomatous polyposis, Gardner syndrome, and Li-Fraumeni syndrome.

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

### **ASCO Expert Corner: Research and Treatment Update for Melanoma**

In this new article, John Kirkwood, MD, discusses the latest treatment and research news for melanoma - the most serious type of skin cancer - and the follow-up care for survivors.

**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 *ASCO Expert Corner* article outlined above, the latest Features include:

- **Breast MRI for Early Detection of Breast Cancer** examines the role of MRI in detecting breast cancer, describes the differences between mammography and MRI, and offers some helpful questions for women to ask their doctors.
- **Understanding Cancer Vaccines** explains the science behind treatment and prevention vaccines and highlights those in practice and in development.
- **Medical News: How to Know If It's Accurate** offers a series of questions to answer and other tips to consider when evaluating medical research reported by the media.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 150+ other **Feature Articles** on Cancer.Net!*

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



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## In the News

Here are some of the latest cancer-related news headlines:

- May 2, 2008: Work exposure to weed killers tied to brain cancer (Reuters Health)
- May 1, 2008: Gene effect on colon cancer differs by gender (Reuters Health)
- April 30, 2008: Aspirin seen cutting risk of type of breast cancer (Reuters Health)
- April 25, 2008: Early-onset osteoporosis linked to cancer risk (Reuters Health)
- April 25, 2008: Relaxation may cool chemo-related hot flashes (Reuters Health)
- April 23, 2008: Better care eases suffering of kids with cancer (Reuters Health)
- *For more headlines, visit [Cancer.Net's News Articles section](#).*

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