

Cancer_oNet™ Bulletin

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New Section on Health Disparities and Cancer

Be sure to check out this new content that explains differences in the occurrence, frequency, death, and burden of cancer that exist among specific population groups, including racial and ethnic minority groups. Read facts and figures for health disparities and cancer in the United States and discover additional resources on this topic.

What's more, the section features an **ASCO Expert Corner: Health Disparities in Cancer**, led by **Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD**, who explains current research on cancer disparities and what ASCO is doing to help reduce disparities in cancer care, in addition to another **ASCO Expert Corner: Race and Breast Cancer**, guided by **Lisa Newman, MD, MPH, FACS**, who

New on Cancer.Net

- **Cancer Advances: News for Patients From the 2008 Breast Cancer Symposium.** Read patient-friendly summaries of research announced during the symposium. Also, listen to a **podcast** of the research highlights presented by Program Committee Co-Chair **Eric Winer, MD**, and learn more about the symposium and advances in breast cancer in the **ASCO Expert Corner: 2008 Breast Cancer Symposium**, led by **Jay Harris, MD**.
- **JCO Cancer Advances on BRCA Mutations Among Asian-American Women May be More Common than Predicted.** Read more about this study in ASCO's *Journal of Clinical Oncology* reporting that two computer models widely used to determine who should undergo genetic testing for *BRCA* mutations underpredicted mutation frequency in Asian-American women by 50%.
- **Cancer.Net Podcast on Understanding Grief and Loss.** Listen to this new podcast that describes some common reactions to a loss of a loved one and the different phases of grief that one may go through. Check out the full library of other helpful podcasts at www.cancer.net/podcasts.
- **JCO Cancer Advances on Zoledronic Acid Prevents Bone Loss in Premenopausal Women Undergoing Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer.** Read more about this study, also in ASCO's *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, reporting that the osteoporosis drug zoledronic acid (Zometa) prevents bone loss at 12 months in premenopausal women undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

discusses the racial differences of breast cancer risk and treatment.

Tune in to *Frosted Pink with A Twist* on October 12

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 12, 2008**, to watch ***Frosted Pink with A Twist* on ABC from 4:00 to 6:00 PM ET**. The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) is joining forces with five other national cancer organizations in a landmark television event and multimedia education campaign - *Frosted Pink with a Twist* - to raise awareness of cancers that primarily affect women and inspire the public to learn more about early detection, prevention, and advances in cancer care and treatment. Cancer.Net is the official clinical cancer information resource for *Frosted Pink with a Twist*.

Co-hosted by gymnast and Olympic champion Mary Lou Retton, *Frosted Pink with a Twist* will feature stars of Men's and Women's U.S. Olympic Gymnastics teams and will air nationally on ABC on Sunday, October 12, 2008 - during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month - and will re-air on additional cable

- **Fact Sheet on the Crisis in Cancer Research Funding.** Learn how the current state of cancer research funding is affecting cancer research programs and actions needed to ensure progress in cancer research in the future.
- **Latest Updates to Cancer.Net Guides to Cancer.** Several of the website's sections of cancer types have been recently updated, including adenoid cystic carcinoma, breast cancer, childhood central nervous system, eye cancer, eyelid cancer, lacrimal gland tumor, and parathyroid cancer. Updated *Cancer Types* that have been translated into Spanish include *cáncer colorrectal* (colorectal cancer). What's more, Cancer.Net now features a list of *recursos de información en español para pacientes* (patient information resources in Spanish).
- **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 hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, hereditary mixed polyposis syndrome, hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, juvenile polyposis syndrome, and MYH-associated polyposis.

This Week on Cancer.Net

ASCO Expert Corner: Older Adults With Cancer

In this new article, Hyman Muss, MD, discusses what makes cancer in this age group different from others, clinical trial options for patients, and some common emotional and practical concerns. Also, check out the **Cancer in Older Adults** booklet, available to order for free.

Read this Expert Corner.

networks throughout the remainder of the month.

To learn more information about *Frosted Pink with a Twist*, watch a **video** presented by Mary Lou Retton and visit www.frostedpink.org.

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



Making a world of difference in cancer care

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:

- **Look Good...Feel Better** describes how this free support program helps people with cancer restore their appearance during and after cancer treatment.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 180+ other **Feature 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](#)
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- [Managing Side Effects](#)
- [Survivorship: Next Steps to Take](#)
- *For more sections, visit the blue navigation bar to the left.*

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