



PLWC Bulletin

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

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PLWC Reader Survey

People Living With Cancer (www.plwc.org), the patient information website from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), is offering an online survey this month to test readers' knowledge about clinical trials for people with cancer.

If you haven't already, be sure to participate in this quick and informative quiz that separates fact from fiction about clinical trials!

Did You Know?

In addition to the Q&A forum this month, PLWC contains a variety of resources for the more than 10 million Americans alive today with a history of cancer.

Use the blue navigation bar below to explore the **Survivorship** section and many other features of PLWC!

New on PLWC

- **Cancer Advances: Breast Cancer.** The two *Cancer Advances* released this month cover news about breast cancer: the first regarding new findings about the *CHEK2* gene, and the second outlining the risk of heart problems for some survivors.
- **Q&A Forum on Survivorship.** Your "Ask the ASCO Expert" questions on living beyond cancer are being answered this month by Sandra Horning, MD; Melissa Hudson, MD; Ann Partridge, MD, MPH; and Doug Ulman.
- **Cancer-Related Syndromes.** PLWC has added five more cancer-related syndromes to its *Cancer Types* section: Carney Complex, Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Syndrome, Hereditary Pancreatitis, MEN1, and MEN2.
- **Leukemia information in Spanish.** Translated information is now available on PLWC for four types of leukemia: Leucemia linfocítica aguda (ALL) en adultos, Leucemia mieloide aguda (AML) en adultos, Leucemia linfocítica crónica (CLL) en adultos, and Leucemia mieloide crónica (CML) en adultos.
- **Pleuropulmonary Blastoma.** There is now information on PLWC about this rare childhood lung cancer in the chest.

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

Upcoming Events on PLWC

"Ask the ASCO Expert" Series, September 2006: Readers' questions are now being accepted for PLWC's Q&A on **"Taking Care of Yourself During and After Cancer Treatment"**.



David Alberts, MD



Cyndi Thomson, PhD, RD

From September 1-30, your questions on such topics as nutrition, exercise, and dietary supplements will be answered by Arizona Cancer Center's David Alberts, MD, and Cyndi Thomson, PhD, RD.

Have a question for this "Ask the ASCO Expert" event? Email chats@plwc.org now! PLWC Q&A forums are free of charge, anonymous, and preregistration is not required. Answers to selected questions are posted throughout the month, and full event transcripts are 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 newest Feature Articles are:

- **Bone Health During Cancer Treatment** provides information for patients on how to reduce the risk that their bones will be affected by treatment.
- **Finding a Treatment Facility** offers guidance on what factors to consider when choosing a facility that best meets a person's individual needs.
- **Leaving a Legacy** explores why and how some people decide to document what is important in their lives, creating a gift for their family members and friends.
- **When Someone You Love Decides to Stop Treatment** delves into the common feelings of people who see a loved one refuse medical treatment, as well as provides coping strategies for them.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 100+ other **Feature Articles** on PLWC!*

In the News

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

- August 17, 2006: Proton beams control liver tumors (Reuters Health)
- August 15, 2006: Low-risk prostate cancer often overtreated (Reuters Health)
- August 14, 2006: Black patients seek less information from doctors (Reuters Health)
- August 11, 2006: Exercise may have benefits in colon cancer (Reuters Health)
- August 10, 2006: New test predicts if lung cancer will spread (Reuters Health)
- *For more headlines, visit PLWC's News Articles section.*

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 20,000 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. ASCO publishes the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JCO), the preeminent, peer-reviewed, medical journal on clinical cancer research, and produces People Living With Cancer (www.plwc.org) an award-winning website providing oncologist-vetted cancer information to help patients and families make informed health-care decisions.

