



PLWC Bulletin

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

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PLWC Podcasts

So far in August, new *PLWC Podcasts* have been offered about **Protecting Your Skin from the Sun** and **Explaining Palliative Care**, and they're just the latest in the expanding library of *PLWC Podcasts*!

If you haven't already checked out this series, be sure to do so today. PLWC now offers some of its wealth of patient information on cancer research, treatment, and coping as audio podcast files. These free audio files can be accessed through a computer or listened to on an MP3 music player. This delivery option allows people to get doctor-approved information on cancer when and how they want. The collection of *PLWC Podcasts* can be found at www.plwc.org/podcasts.

New on PLWC

- **New Prevention Section.** PLWC is adapting the recently released *ASCO Cancer Prevention Curriculum*, using patient-friendly language to broaden the reach of this educational resource on cancer prevention. Initial sections include tobacco, chemoprevention, physical activity, and weight control. This new content can be found at www.plwc.org/prevention. And, check back in the coming weeks for information on diet and nutrition and screening.
- **Updated Survivorship Information.** The curriculum information has also been incorporated into PLWC's *Survivorship* section, particularly regarding the late effects of treatment.
- **Expert Perspective from ASCO on MRI for the Diagnosis of DCIS.** Read perspectives from ASCO members on the role of magnetic resonance imaging in detecting ductal carcinoma in situ.
- **Colorectal Cancer Slide Deck for Health-care Professionals.** If you give patient or community group presentations, check out the PLWC Slide Deck Series, which provides reliable information in turn-key PowerPoint presentations. The colorectal cancer slide deck is newly updated, based on the 2007 review of the PLWC Guide to Colorectal Cancer.
- **Latest Updates to PLWC Guides to Cancer.** Several of the website's *Cancer Types* have been recently updated, including the sections on breast cancer, fallopian tube cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, and small bowel cancer.

Did You Know?

In addition to this month's **ASCO Expert Corner: Returning to School After Cancer**, PLWC offers several other resources to help children and teenagers treated for cancer as they head back to the classroom.

For instance, if you're a teenager with cancer, you may want to read PLWC's **Cancer and School** section, which offers suggestions on how to balance both school and treatment. Whether you're trying to keep pace with the schoolwork or concerned how your classmates will react, there are things you and your parents can do to help make the process easier. What's more, this information will be offered in a *PLWC Podcast*, available next week.

To learn more, review PLWC's *Coping* section, which includes both general and age-specific information on this topic. Use the blue navigation bar below to visit this and other sections of the website.

This Week on PLWC

ASCO Expert Corner: Returning to School After Cancer

Going back to school after being hospitalized and/or recuperating at home for cancer treatment is both an exciting and anxious time for children and parents. To learn more about school re-entry, PLWC discussed this process with Karen Fasciano, PsyD, a clinical psychologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute who specializes in school issues for children when a family member is faced with a cancer diagnosis.

Read the **ASCO Expert Corner article** now.

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 latest Features include:

- **Frequently Asked Questions about Radiation Therapy** answers patients' commonly asked questions about the use of this treatment and its potential side effects.
- **Finding Information and Support Resources for Rare Cancers** provides tips on obtaining information about diagnosis, treatment, and support options for people with uncommon cancer types.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 130+ other **Feature Articles** on PLWC!*

In the News

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

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

- August 9, 2007: Exercise rate low in childhood leukemia survivors (Reuters Health)
- August 8, 2007: Scientists develop new test for liver cancer (Reuters Health)
- August 6, 2007: Focused ultrasound may be alternative for fibroids (Reuters Health)
- August 3, 2007: Terminally ill patients prefer home care (Reuters Health)
- August 1, 2007: Promising way to detect pancreatic cancer explored (Reuters Health)
- *For more headlines, visit PLWC's News Articles section.*

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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 nearly 25,000 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. In addition to producing the award-winning patient information website *People Living With Cancer* (www.plwc.org), ASCO publishes the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JCO), the preeminent, peer-reviewed medical journal on clinical cancer research, and the *Journal of Oncology Practice* (JOP), the authoritative resource for practicing oncologists making day-to-day decisions regarding clinical and administrative management.

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