




# PLWC Bulletin

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

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## PLWC's New Look!

People Living with Cancer ([www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org)), the patient information website from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), has been refreshed with a new design aimed at providing more user-friendly navigation so you can quickly find oncologist-approved information on your topic of choice.

We invite you to visit PLWC now and use what you learn as you discuss options with your family, doctor and health-care team!

## New on PLWC

- **Cancer Advances: ASCO's Annual Meeting.** Learn more about the cancer research highlights from ASCO's 2006 meeting this month and what they mean for patients.
- **Ask the ASCO Expert Transcript: Top Advances in Cancer Research.** Dr. Roy Herbst, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, answers PLWC readers' questions about cancer research and treatment news from ASCO's Annual Meeting.
- **Cancer-Related Syndromes.** Detailed information on 19 cancer-related syndromes is now available in PLWC's *Cancer Types* section, including Familial Adenomatous Polyposis, Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome, and Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome. Information on more syndromes will be added soon.
- **Managing Side Effects.** PLWC's *Managing Side Effects* section covers 40+ of the most common treatment side effects, including five new topics: *Bleeding and Clotting Problems, Edema, Headaches, Hand-Foot Syndrome, and Skin Reactions to Targeted Therapies.*
- **Craniopharyngioma.** Information is now available on PLWC about this benign tumor that accounts for about 10% of all childhood intracranial tumors.

## Upcoming Events on PLWC

**Did You Know?**

PLWC offers **Spanish-language Guides** for the most common types of cancer among Hispanics/Latinos in the United States. Each translation was reviewed for medical accuracy by bilingual oncologists.

Use the blue navigation bar below to explore this and many other features of PLWC!

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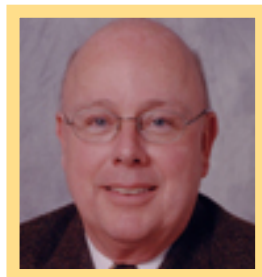
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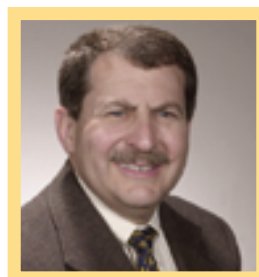
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For more information about ASCO's patient information resources, visit [www.plwc.org](http://www.plwc.org) or call 888-651-3038.

**"Ask the ASCO Expert" Series, July 2006:** Readers' questions are now being accepted for PLWC's two-part Q&A session this month on age-related learning about cancer.



From July 1-21, your questions on **"Cancer in Children, Teens and Young Adults"** will be answered by Archie Bleyer, MD, Cancer Treatment Center, St. Charles Medical Center, **LIVESTRONG** Young Adult Alliance, CureSearch Aflac Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Research, and Gregory Reaman, MD, Children's Oncology Group.



From July 24-31, Hyman Muss, MD, University of Vermont and Vermont Cancer Center, will respond to your questions about **"Cancer in Older Adults"**.

**Have a question for these "Ask the ASCO Expert" events?**

Email [chats@plwc.org](mailto: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 focus on cancer surgery:

- **Part I: Understanding Cancer Surgery** explains the basics about common cancer surgeries, as well as some special surgical techniques.
- **Part II: Cancer Surgery - Your Personal Experience** outlines what you can expect before, during and after cancer surgery. It also includes who plays what role on your cancer care team during your surgery.
- **Part III: Side Effects of Cancer Surgery** details some of the common side effects you may experience following surgery, including dietary, body image, sexual, and fertility issues.
- *Don't forget that you can also check out 100+ other PLWC Feature Articles by clicking here.*

## In the News

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

- June 27, 2006: X-rays raise breast cancer risk in women with BRCA (Reuters Health)
- June 15, 2006: US FDA approves Hycamtin for cervical cancer (Reuters Health)
- June 8, 2006: Merck's cervical cancer vaccine wins US approval (Reuters Health)
- June 5, 2006: Kidney cancer gets new drugs, competition (Reuters Health)
- June 5, 2006: Sanofi drug adds to survival in head, neck cancer (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](http://www.plwc.org)) an award-winning website providing oncologist-vetted cancer information to help patients and families make informed health-care decisions.

