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Highlights of the Day: 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting

The 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting is the platform for the release of thousands of scientific abstracts -- highly anticipated cancer research news for many people, including patients, caregivers, and the public. ASCO is pleased to share this timely information with the public in a variety of ways. On this page, highlights of the scientific news program will be posted each day of the meeting **from Friday, May 30 to Monday, June 2, 2014**, so be sure to bookmark this page now!

If you would prefer to receive this information in an daily email during the Annual Meeting, **sign up now** [2] to receive special editions of the free newsletter *Inside Cancer.Net*. You can also follow Cancer.Net on **Twitter [3]**, **Facebook [4]** or **Google+ [5]** where real-time updates will be posted.

To see a list of highlighted research, visit the Research Summaries [6] database. To search the collection of meeting abstracts, visit ASCO's website [7].

Monday, June 2, 2014

Advances in cancer care, treatment, prevention, and survivorship continue to be discussed at the 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago. Cancer.Net [8], ASCO's patient education website, is excited to provide you with the following summaries and discussions by ASCO experts that put these new developments into context.

Today's research focuses on immunotherapy, a way of treating cancer that is showing promise for melanoma and cervical cancer.

Melanoma

- Treatment with Ipilimumab after Surgery Reduces the Recurrence of High-Risk Stage III Melanoma [9]
- New Immunotherapy, MK-3475, Shows Promise for Metastatic Melanoma [10]
- Combining Ipilimumab and Nivolumab Helps People with Advanced Melanoma Live Longer [11]

Cervical

- Study Shows Potential of a New Personalized Strategy for Advanced Cervical Cancer [12]

Podcast Highlighting Research News
With Steven O?Day, MD

In this podcast [13], Dr. O?Day provides information about these immunotherapy advances for melanoma and cervical cancer.

Videos Highlighting Research News
With Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP President of ASCO

For more highlights on this research, watch as Dr. Hudis discusses [14] melanoma and cervical cancer research and what it means for patients.

***Research Round Up* Interactive PDF**

In case you missed any of the research presented this weekend, get highlights of the latest advances from the 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting in an interactive PDF [15].

Watch for the*Research Round Up* Podcasts This Summer

Throughout the summer on Cancer.Net, watch for the *Research Round Up* podcast series [13] that covers additional scientific findings from the 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting. Led by top experts, these podcasts are designed to help deepen your knowledge about the wave of cancer research released at this meeting. Each podcast will be about a different topic.

Coming Soon: A Brand New Look for Cancer.Net

Check back in June to see our makeover! The fresh and streamlined design is intended to help you better navigate the site and find the information you want faster.

Sunday, June 1, 2014

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These studies cover advances in breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers.

Breast Cancer

- Exemestane Plus Ovarian Function Suppression May be a More Effective Alternative for Premenopausal Women with Early-Stage Breast Cancer [16]

- Adding Lapatinib to Trastuzumab Does Not Lengthen the Lives of Women with Early-Stage, HER2-Positive Breast Cancer [17]

Colorectal Cancer

- Chemotherapy Plus Either Bevacizumab or Cetuximab Are Equally Effective for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer [18]

Prostate Cancer

- Adding Docetaxel to Hormone Therapy Lengthens the Lives of Men with Metastatic Hormone-Sensitive Prostate Cancer [19]

Podcast Highlighting Research News
With Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP President of ASCO

In this podcast [13], Dr. Hudis explains what this new information means for patients and caregivers affected by cancer.

Videos Highlighting Research News
With Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP President of ASCO

Watch as Dr. Hudis discusses [20] these studies and provides context for how this new research affects patient care.

***ASCO Answers*: Cancer Survivorship**

Today marks National Cancer Survivors Day. *ASCO Answers* provides a helpful tool for both patients and caregivers with the recently updated Cancer Survivorship [21] booklet. Using a new workbook-style format, this guide provides important information for facing what comes after cancer treatment. This resource helps patients better understand survivorship, including its potential psychological, physical, sexual, reproductive, financial, and work-related challenges. Survivors will also find helpful information about follow-up care, managing long-term and late effects, descriptions of rehabilitation and support services, and more. Copies of this guide are available to download [PDF] [22] or order from the ASCO University Bookstore. [23]

patientACCESS Gives Patients and Caregivers Direct Access to Research

Although you?ve seen a lot of research over the past weekend from ASCO?s Annual Meeting, research is published year-round in ASCO?s *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JCO). With the support of ASCO and the Conquer Cancer Foundation, patientACCESS offers full-text journal articles to patients and caregivers. Patients are encouraged to talk with their health care team about what these scientific findings mean for them. Learn more about this unique initiative. [24]

Saturday, May 31, 2014

The 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting is well underway. As additional research that affects cancer care, treatment, prevention, and survivorship is released, Cancer.Net [25] and @CancerDotNet [26] on Twitter continue to be your sources for breaking news.

Today, learn more about promising results from studies about *targeted therapies* for CLL, lung, ovarian, and thyroid cancers.

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

- For Older Patients with CLL, Ibrutinib May Be an Effective New Treatment Option [27]

Lung Cancer

- Second-Line Treatment with Ramucirumab and Chemotherapy Lengthens Lives of Patients with NSCLC [28]

Ovarian Cancer

- Combination of Targeted Therapies Increases the Time it Takes for Recurrent Ovarian Cancer to Worsen [29]

Thyroid Cancer

- Lenvatinib Could Be a New Option for Patients with Differentiated Radioiodine-Resistant Thyroid Cancer [30]

Podcast Highlighting Research News
With Gregory Masters, MD, FACP

Dr. Masters [13] talks about the research that was released today, specifically about new or changing targeted therapies to treat cancer.

Videos Highlighting Research News
With Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP, President of ASCO and Peter P. Yu, MD, FASCO, President-Elect of ASCO

Watch videos with ASCO leaders discussing this research [20] and what it means for patients. Dr. Hudis shares his thoughts about yesterday?s research. In addition, two videos from Dr. Yu cover research on targeted therapies for ovarian cancer, lung cancer, CLL and thyroid cancer.

Have You Downloaded the Cancer.Net App Yet?

An easy way to keep up-to-date with cancer news and information is to download the Cancer.Net mobile app [31]. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, and Android devices, this free mobile app helps people with cancer and their families plan and manage their cancer treatment and care. Cancer.Net Mobile can be downloaded to Android devices via Google Play [32] or to iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch via Apple's App Store [33] (iTunes required). Now available for both English and Spanish speakers!

Calling all artists! Submissions for ASCO?s 2015 Expressions of Hope Calendar

Cancer has a profound effect on all the lives it touches. ASCO produces the *Expressions of Hope* wall calendar [34] that allows for patients, friends, families, and caregivers to share their journey with cancer through art. In preparation for the 2015 calendar, ASCO is calling for art from anyone who has been affected by cancer. To submit artwork for the 2015 calendar, please fill out the online submission [35] form or download the submission form [36] by August 2, 2014.

Friday, May 30, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) began today in Chicago. Right now, more than 25,000 cancer specialists from around the world are gathering to discuss new research surrounding the theme of "Science & Society." During this meeting, Cancer.Net [8], ASCO's patient education website, is your source for the latest advances in cancer care, including easy-to-read research summaries, podcasts, and videos that allow you to hear directly from leading oncologists about what these studies mean for people with cancer and their caregivers.

This is ASCO?s 50th Annual Meeting and we are taking this opportunity to recognize the major milestones against cancer and look to the future with hope for more breakthroughs in cancer care and prevention. For more information about progress against cancer, take a look at ASCO?s 50th Anniversary website [37].

Quality of life and patient care are important aspects of treating cancer. Earlier today, exciting new research on fertility preservation for women with breast cancer, bone health for breast cancer, radiation treatment for head and neck cancer, caregiver support, and ways to improve quality of life at the end of life was presented. Use the links below to read more about these developments:

Breast Cancer

- Taking a Hormone-Suppressing Drug During Chemotherapy Helps Preserve Fertility for Women with Hormone Receptor-Negative Breast Cancer [38]
- Taking Zoledronic Acid Less Often After the First Year of Treatment Is Safe for Women with Metastatic Breast Cancer [39]

Head & Neck Cancer

- Certain People with HPV-Positive Head and Neck Cancer May Benefit From a Lower Dose of Radiation Therapy [40]

Advanced Cancer

- Stopping the Use of Cholesterol-Lowering Drugs Near the End of Life Improves Quality of Life [41]
- Caregivers who Receive Palliative Care Support Immediately After an Advanced Cancer Diagnosis Have a Better Quality of Life [42]

Podcast Highlighting Research News
With Patricia Ganz, MD, FASCO

Listen [13] as Dr. Ganz provides an expert perspective on today?s research on patient care and quality of life. Dr. Ganz shares what this news means for patients and their caregivers.

Videos Highlighting Research News

Tomorrow?s emailincludes two videos [14] that further describe the research from ASCO with Clifford Hudis, MD, FACP, President of ASCO, and Peter P. Yu, MD, FASCO, President-Elect of ASCO.

Stay Up-to-Date Throughout the 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting

Watch Cancer.Net [25] for more research news in the coming days! If you want to get real-time updates from the meeting, follow Cancer.Net on Twitter [26] (@CancerDotNet) or use the ASCO meeting hashtag, #ASCO14. You can also connect with Cancer.Net on Facebook [4] or Google+ [43]. Thousands of scientific abstracts will be released, many of which are from grant and award recipients of the Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO [44]. Find more details [45] on how to follow along or jump in. We welcome everyone who?d like to join this online conversation!

Links:
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[2] http://www.cancer.net/node/719
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