

## Get Involved With ACCC!

**ACCC's** Nominating Committee is looking for new talent for board and committee participation. The Nominating Committee is seeking interested individuals who would like to have a bigger role in ACCC's multidisciplinary activities.

"For the past 30 years, ACCC has provided educational and advocacy leadership for the entire cancer team," said Teresa D. Smith, RN MSN, this year's committee chair. "We are actively recruiting and want to hear from individuals interested in participating with this dynamic association. I have been active with ACCC for several years now, including a one-year appointment as ACCC President, and I cannot say enough about the benefits of becoming involved with ACCC."

Each year at its annual meeting, ACCC elects new trustees and some of the Association's officers.

"ACCC has a strong and dedicated staff to support the Association's professional volunteers," said Nominating Committee member Edward L. Braud, MD, another former ACCC President. "While most volunteers stay involved with ACCC even past their board or committee terms, new volunteers are needed to grow the Association so that it continues to meet the ever-changing needs of the oncology community."

In fact, ACCC's ability to reinvent itself and focus on the pressing issues of oncology *today* has ensured that the Association remains at the forefront of the cancer community since its inception more than 30 years ago.

"If you want to be part of an organization that is spearheading efforts to ensure the delivery of quality cancer care, ACCC is the association for you," remarked David K. King, MD, FACP. "In fact, I would go a step farther and

say that today's volatile reimbursement climate *necessitates* involvement with such an organization."

To nominate candidates to the board or a committee position, please contact Diana Lees at ([dlees@acc-cancer.org](mailto:dlees@acc-cancer.org)) or 301.984.9496, ext. 217.

### ACCC Launches Two New Regional Seminars

ACCC's Center for Provider Education has developed an innovative new series of continuing medical education-accredited seminars. *Practical Economics: Making Rational Drug Purchasing Decisions for the Hospital Outpatient Setting* is directed to hospital pharmacists and financial officers. The educational session reviews changes in Medicare policies for the hospital outpatient setting, describes strategies for responding to those changes, and demonstrates how to make drug purchasing decisions in order to maximize benefit to patients while minimizing costs to the provider.

This morning program was held in the following cities in June and July:

- Boston, Mass.
- Chicago, Ill.
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Detroit, Mich.
- Houston and Dallas, Tex.
- Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif.
- Miami, Fla.
- Minneapolis, Minn.
- New York City
- Philadelphia, Pa.
- Phoenix, Ariz.
- Washington, D.C.
- Seattle, Wash.

The program was made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Amgen Inc.

A second ACCC educational seminar series, *Life in the New*

*Medicare Era: Coding, Billing and Management for Medical Oncology Practices*, has received very favorable response from attendees who were practice managers, physician-owners, and coders/billers from medical oncology practices across the U.S. Sessions were held: April 8 in Akron, Ohio; April 22, Charlotte, N.C.; April 23, Knoxville, Tenn.; May 11, San Francisco, Calif.; May 12, Los Angeles, Calif.; May 20, Tampa, Fla.; May 21, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; May 27, Denver, Colo.; June 18, Baltimore, Md.; June 23, Dedham, Mass.; July 8, Fort Worth, Tex.; July 9, New Orleans, La.; and July 15, New Brunswick, N.J.

Responses from attendees have been very complimentary. "Very informative; excellent presentation," said one participant. "The best billing and reimbursement class I've attended," said another. "Subject content was superb and could appeal to any level of employee from clinical to administrator in the practice," was still another comment.

The first webcast of *Life in the New Medicare Era* occurred May 25, and 127 participants registered for the three-hour live webcast. This webcast will be archived on ACCC's web site ([www.acc-cancer.org](http://www.acc-cancer.org)) for six months.

Additional *Life in the New Medicare Era* regional seminars are planned for:

- August 24, Atlanta, Ga.
- October 12, Portland, Oreg.
- October 13, San Diego, Calif.
- October 27, Tulsa, Okla.
- October 28, Little Rock, Ark.
- October 29, Kansas City, Mo.

For more information about attending any of these sessions, log onto ACCC's web site ([www.acc-cancer.org](http://www.acc-cancer.org)) or call Susan Linyear at 301.984.9496, ext. 219.

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