

Save the Dates



Upcoming Regional Economic and Management Symposia

- Wednesday, May 6, 2009
Millennium Hotel Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Hilton Houston Post Oak, Houston, Texas

ACCC's 26th National Oncology Economics Conference

- September 22-25, 2009
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis on Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ACCC's 36th Annual National Meeting

- March 17-20, 2010
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
Baltimore, Maryland

For more information on these and other ACCC meetings, visit www.accc-cancer.org/meetings.

ACCC Welcomes its Newest Members

- Elliott-Elliott-Head Breast Cancer Research and Treatment Center, Baton Rouge, La., Delegate Representative: Brian Barnett, MD
- Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center, Denver, Colo., Delegate Representative: Ann Wilcox, RN
- University Medical Center at Princeton, Cancer Program, Princeton, N. J., Delegate Representative: Judy Neuman
- Randolph Hospital, Randolph Cancer Center, Asheboro, N.C., Delegate Representative: Stacey Bannister
- Saint Michael's Medical Center, Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, Newark, N.J., Delegate Representative: Lois Greene, RNC, BSN, MBA
- St. Vincent's Medical Center, SWIM Center for Cancer Care, Bridgeport, Conn., Delegate Representative: Cindy Czaplinski, RN, MSN, BC-CAN
- WellSpan/Gettysburg Hospital, Adams Cancer Center, Gettysburg, Pa., Delegate Representative: Leisa Ewing
- Winter Haven Hospital, Cassidy Cancer Center Winter Haven, Fla., Delegate Representative: Robert Cassell, MD

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ACCC's 35th Annual National Meeting— A Pictorial

March 18-21, 2009
Gaylord National Resort
& Convention Center
National Harbor, Md.

Keynote speaker Gerald A. Kraines, MD, spoke on accountable leadership and the cancer care team: to be effective, leaders need both authority and accountability.



ACCC's Annual Achievement Award recipient Susan Leigh, RN, BSN, pictured with ACCC President Ernest Anderson, Jr., MS, RPh, (left) and ACCC Executive Director Christian G. Downs, JD, MHA. Ms. Leigh accepted the award on behalf of "all cancer survivors across the country." Ms. Leigh is a founding member and past president of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS). She initiated the formation of the Oncology Nursing Society's Nurse Survivors Focus Group and the Survivorship Special Interest Group. Ms. Leigh is a survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma and breast and bladder cancers.



Meeting attendees benefited from both general sessions, smaller break-out sessions, and roundtable discussions. On Friday afternoon, attendees heard a report from Mary Lou Bowers, MBA, of the Pritchard Group, on Phase 1 of ACCC's ongoing *Prostate Cancer Project* followed by a panel presentation highlighting some best practices in developing a prostate-specific cancer program.



On the opening day of ACCC's Annual National Meeting, attendees (at right) heard from Congressman John Sarbanes (D-MD) (center) and Congressman Tom Price (R-GA) (on left). Both congressmen agreed that in recent years a consensus has been reached that the healthcare system is broken and this is a critical year for healthcare reform. Hearings are already in progress on Capitol Hill. While anticipating "a fair amount of contention among the different players in this game," Rep. Sarbanes expects that ultimately healthcare reform will help better align incentives and create a "transformative system...one that puts patients and providers in the driver seat when it comes to deciding healthcare in this country." Congressman Price expects that the coming reform will change healthcare for at least a generation. Rep. Price favors a "patient-centered" healthcare system in which everyone owns and controls his or her own insurance policy, and where a "robust peer-review process—not the government—ensures quality."



The Exhibit Hall ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Thursday morning. Throughout the day, meeting attendees (photo below) had the opportunity to visit with more than 70 exhibitors.

ACCC President Ernest R. Anderson, Jr., MS, RPh (left) and ACCC Executive Director Christian G. Downs, JD, MHA, (right) with James E. Radford, Jr., MD, (center), recipient of ACCC's David King Community Clinical Scientist award. This annual award honors active community clinical research leaders. Dr. Radford leads the Cancer Research Program at the Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C., where he has worked with his team to improve access to clinical trials for older cancer patients. He is also a medical oncologist in private practice with Hendersonville Hematology and Oncology, PLLC.



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