

ACCC's CE Blackboard

New Educational Program Available

*Targeting the Proteasome in
Multiple Myeloma: A Cancer
Talk Live BroadcastSM*

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Targeting the Proteasome in Multiple Myeloma: A Cancer Talk Live Broadcast focused on the biological basis for proteasome inhibitors in MM patients, and compared and contrasted both biochemical and clinical properties of proteasome inhibitors. The broadcast culminated in a lively panel discussion of multiple myeloma cases and the clinical implications and future directions of proteasome inhibition in myeloma. Original broadcast date: March 31, 2011.

Designed for community-based hematologists, hematologist/oncologists, medical oncologists, oncology specialty pharmacists, and mid-level practitioners caring for patients with multiple myeloma.

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ACCC's Blackboard (<http://www.accc-cancer.org/education/education-blackboard.asp>) is the Association's e-learning environment designed to provide easy access to timely oncology-related continuing education programs. ACCC's Blackboard includes programming from educational companies, covering a range of topics for nurses, pharmacists, and physicians. Formats vary from slide shows to virtual lectures to newsletters. Upon completion of the activity, simply submit your learning assessment and/or evaluation form online, as explained by the course provider.

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| FROM THE EDITOR |

The Power of Shared Knowledge

by Christian Downs, JD, MHA

One of the great benefits of my involvement with ACCC is facilitating the sharing of the collective wisdom of our membership. I am always amazed at members' willingness to share their experiences—good or bad—with fellow members. For example, at ACCC's recent 37th Annual National Meeting in Washington, D.C., one attendee said to me, *"I really get value out of ACCC meetings because I can talk to my colleagues about how to do things, rather than just what to do."*

Keeping the benefits of collective wisdom in mind, I'd like to highlight a few articles in this journal.

In ACCC's educational project, *Dispensing Pharmacy: An Option for Private Practices*, four oncology professionals share *how* they opened pharmacies in their practices. These ACCC members have many good experiences to share—how dispensing medications has 1) improved the patient experience, 2) generated a new revenue stream, and 3) helped to ensure patient compliance with treatment regimens. At the same time they do not shy away from sharing the challenges to dispensing medications in a private practice setting, including the costs of hiring additional staff and costs related to budgeting and managing drug inventory.

The theme of sharing collective knowledge is continued in our ongoing series from the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP). In this issue, the NCCCP Subcommittee on Survivorship and Palliative Care shares how it was able to work with NCCCP sites to create a cancer treatment summary and survivorship care plan.

The authors then go the next step by showing *how* the NCCCP sites used different approaches to success-



fully implement these templates at their community cancer centers.

Next, ACCC Board Member Matt Sherer, MBA, MHA, and co-author Teri Guidi, MBA, share their collective knowledge of the 340B Drug Pricing Program. They explain how to qualify and apply for

the program, as well as the implications of participation. In fact, this article—written in direct response to questions posted to ACCC's members-only online discussion group, *ACCCExchange*—is a prime example of how we listen to the needs of our members and then meet those needs through the collective sharing of our expertise.

Finally, veteran program administrator James Yates, MSPH, MBA, FACHE, writes about mentoring the next generation of cancer program leaders. Yates shares the ABC's of mentorship, as well as some of his personal experiences over the years.

Now that you see the value of "how" and the collective wisdom of our membership, here are some additional ACCC resources. Explore the Association's website: www.accc-cancer.org. From archived articles to virtual meeting presentations to educational podcasts, you will find practical tools and resources for your team.

Take advantage of ACCC's members-only online community *MyNetwork* where you can join discussion groups, ask questions and find answers to critical questions, and share innovative ideas with fellow members. Joining *MyNetwork* is easy. Simply go to ACCC's website, scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and under "Stay Connected" click on *MyNetwork*. Follow the directions to log in. As always, if you have any questions, we're only an email away at: mynetwork@acc-cancer.org. 📧