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The ACCC 39th Annual National Meeting Wrap-up

With a focus on business, economics, and policy, the March 2013 meeting gave attendees insight on how best to continue to ensure access to quality care in the face of unprecedented challenges. Read on for meeting highlights.



▲ ACCC's Capitol Hill Day kicked off the 39th Annual National Meeting. On March 6, more than 50 ACCC members braved snow and freezing rain to visit their congressional representatives to discuss issues key to ensuring access to quality care, such as eliminating the sequester, fixing the SGR formula, ensuring oral parity, and resolving drug shortages.



▲ "Distress should be the sixth vital sign. It's part of total cancer care," said Jimmie Holland, MD, ACCC Annual Achievement Award recipient (center). Internationally recognized as the founder of the subspecialty of psycho-oncology, Dr. Holland is the Wayne E. Chapman Chair in Psychiatric Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. "In recent years there's been a real movement forward in terms of patient-centered care," she said in her acceptance remarks. "A change, a tipping point, has been reached. We can look forward to much more interest in supportive care." Also pictured is ACCC Immediate Past President George Kovach, MD, (L) and ACCC Executive Director Christian Downs, JD, MHA (R).



◀ Thursday morning's panel on "What a Continually Divided Congress Means for Healthcare" discussed what to expect from Congress in the coming months. Pictured are panel moderator (on L) Matt Farber, ACCC; panelists (L to R) Sydney Abbott, ACCC; Joseph M. Hill, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; and Cara Tenenbaum, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance. Panelists discussed the likelihood of healthcare-related bills being passed in 2013, particularly those relating to drug shortages and track and trace. While panelists disagreed about the likelihood of Congress's hyper-partisanship waning in the near future, all agreed that, "At a certain point political differences will have to take a backseat to real problems people are facing."



▲“Healthcare will change more in this decade than it did in the last 50 years,” keynote speaker Jeffrey Bauer, PhD, told attendees. Bauer, a health futurist and medical economist, forecast that by 2015, 30 percent of all healthcare entities will cease to exist as currently organized; 45 percent will exist as currently organized, but precariously; and 25 percent will thrive by changing the way healthcare is delivered. “One theme I hear everywhere,” he said, “is that the biggest revolution we will see over the next two years is a shift from fee-for-service to value-based payment [quality].”



▲ At Friday’s luncheon, Patrick J. Flynn, MD, (L) was presented with ACCC’s David King Community Clinical Scientist Award for his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the oncology community. Dr. Flynn received the award for his efforts to increase clinical trial accruals. Under his leadership as director of research, Minnesota Oncology Hematology, PA, and medical director, Autologous Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, clinical trial accrual has risen from 50 to 500 patients per year, achieving success through a consortium of physicians, clinics, and hospitals that cover the entire metropolitan Twin Cities and beyond. Pictured here with ACCC Immediate Past President George Kovach, MD, (R) and ACCC Executive Director Christian Downs, JD, MHA (C).

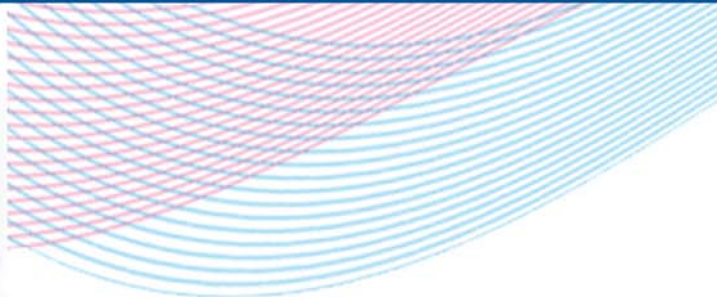


◀ At ACCC’s House of Delegates meeting on March 8, results of the election of new officers and trustees were announced. Incoming President Virginia T. Vaitones, MSW, OSW-C, (L) is the first oncology social worker to serve in the role.

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ACCC EDUCATION UPDATES

Improving Quality Care in Small-Population Cancers



ACCC Center for Provider Education

Community Resource Centers Announced!

ACCC's 39th Annual National Meeting in March 2013 provided a backdrop for the announcement of the Association's Community Resource Centers (CRCs). CRCs are ACCC-member programs that have extensive experience treating patients with multiple myeloma (MM) and other small-population cancers, including chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL). As virtual experts-in-residence, the CRCs will serve as resources and mentors for other community cancer centers that treat patients with these small-population cancers. The selected CRCs are:

- Hackensack University Medical Center, John Theurer Cancer Center, Hackensack, New Jersey (for CML)
- St. Vincent Hospital/Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana (for adult and pediatric APL)
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, Seattle, Washington (for APL, CML, and MM)
- The Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska (for CML and MM)
- Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (for APL, CML, and MM).

Each of these CRCs will be available through the newly-created, ACCC members-only Small-Population Cancers (SPC) Forum on MyNetwork, where

you can post questions and receive a response in real time or connect with the CRCs directly by using the contact information listed. Questions will be answered by one of the CRC's team-based clinicians. In addition, there will be a resource library available where you can access full-text, peer-reviewed journal articles on each of these small-population cancers.

For more information on the Community Resource Centers and the new Small-Population Cancers Forum, read the special supplement that mailed with this *Oncology Issues* or visit www.accc-cancer.org/education/SPC-Overview.asp.

ACCC Launches Daily Clinical Newsletter

ACCC is now offering members a customizable daily newsletter providing direct links to the latest clinical news and information, aggregated from dozens of news sources from around the country. This free subscription allows you to:

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