

# ASSOCIATION NEWS...

## COMMITTEE BRIEFS

### Membership Committee

At its January meeting, the board unanimously approved the following applicants for membership in the ACCC:

- Cancer Center of Colorado Springs  
Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Good Shepherd Hospital  
Barrington, Illinois
- HCA Parkview Medical Center  
Nashville, Tennessee
- Hospital Oncologico Andres Grillasca  
Ponce, Puerto Rico
- Huntsville Hospital  
Huntsville, Alabama
- LaFortune Cancer Center  
Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Lutheran General Hospital  
Park Ridge, Illinois
- Palomar Memorial Hospital  
Escondido, California
- Providence Medical Center  
Seattle, Washington
- Merle M. Mahr Cancer Center  
Madisonville, Kentucky
- St. Anthony's Hospital  
St. Petersburg, Florida
- St. Joseph's Medical Center  
Stockton, California
- St. Margaret Hospital  
Hammond, Indiana
- Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Inc.  
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dr. Irvin D. Fleming, chairperson, also reported that the ACCC membership has increased to a total of 294 delegate members and 298 general members. ■

## ELM DATA CONTRACT TO BENEFIT ACCC

ELM Services, Inc. has recently instituted a project in conjunction with a major pharmaceutical company to provide aggregate cancer patient data from ELM's two unique cancer patient data collection and management systems—CHOP-DS II, a hospital-based cancer data system; and OSCAR, ELM's oncology office practice management system. Data collection will be basically supported through a series of grants to CHOP-DS II and OSCAR current users and new users. As an integral part of the project, ELM is relying upon input from ACCC on site-specific patterns of care to guide its data collection decisions. In addition, ELM has agreed to allow ACCC ongoing access to this potentially rich cancer database. ■

## BOARD-PROPOSED CHANGES IN ACCC COMMITTEES

At its January meeting, the ACCC board made three proposals that will affect both the ad hoc and standing committees of the ACCC.

- All future ad hoc committees will expire one (1) year after their creation, unless that timeframe is extended by the President.
- The Marketing and Strategic Planning (Communications) Committee should either be merged with the Membership Committee or designated as a subset of the Membership Committee.
- Standing committees of the ACCC should include the Executive, Bylaws, Nominating, Membership, Program, and Governmental Affairs Committees. Clinical Practice and Clinical Research should be designated as ad hoc committees.

The above proposed changes will be discussed at the ACCC Annual Meeting on March 16-19 in Washington, DC. ■

## CLINICAL INDICATORS UPDATE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) has designated oncology as one of four major areas for which clinical indicators are to be developed in 1988. These indicators will be used to monitor the quality of care for patients with cancer.

In support of these efforts, and with financial assistance from major pharmaceutical firms, the ACCC has activated a Core Committee and Site-Specific Subcommittees to identify relevant clinical criteria for oncology.

The Core Committee met on January 21-22, 1988, to define preliminary global and site-specific criteria. The next step in the project will be to solicit the input of a broadbased group of physicians, administrators, and allied health professionals using a modified Delphi technique. The preliminary criteria will be circulated to the above individuals and validated using the registry data system that is available to ACCC.

Core Committee members include: Irvin Fleming, M.D., chairman, Methodist Hospitals of Memphis; Charles Coltman, M.D., Southwest Oncology Group, San Antonio, TX; Lloyd Everson, M.D., Community Hospital of Indiana, Indianapolis; Robert Enck, M.D., Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH; Jon Kerner, Ph.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York City; David Kelsen, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York City; Gale Katterhagen, M.D., Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL; Alan Yagoda, M.D., Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York City; John Yarbrow, M.D., University of Missouri, Columbia; Rodger Winn, M.D., University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston; Ralph Scott, M.D., The Christ Hospital Cancer Program, Cincinnati, OH; Larry Nathanson, M.D., Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY; Peter Deckers, M.D., University of Connecticut, Avon; Herbert Derman, M.D., Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH; Dolores Michels, CTR, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh; and Joyce Kane, ART, CTR, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore. ■