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## Theme Set For ACCC Spring Meeting

"The Impact of Managed Care & Health Reform on Oncology," will be the theme of the ACCC's 19th Annual National Meeting, to be held in Washington, DC, on March 17-20, 1993. Scheduled sessions include:

- The impact of managed care for clinical trials, new technology, risk management, outcomes research, the pharmaceutical industry, and the future of biotechnology.
- How cancer programs should market their services to managed care organizations.
- Negotiating managed care contracts: the hospital perspective and the private practice perspective
- Updates on health care reform proposals by representatives of the new Administration, Congress, and academia.

Other sessions will include an update on physician profiling by the insurance industry, how to build communities in the workplace, how to successfully recruit medical oncologists and medical directors, and how to develop a breast center. There will also be a new technology symposium.

For more information on the upcoming meeting, contact the ACCC Executive Office. Phone: 301/984-9496. Fax: 301/770-1949.

## Call For Nominations

The ACCC Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the following 1993-1994 board positions:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Four Board Seats

The term of President-Elect is one year. The Treasurer and Trustee positions are two-year terms. Although nominees are not required to be the voting representative of their institution, they must represent an ACCC Delegate Institution.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the ACCC Executive Office, citing the nominees' names and their respective delegate institution, along with a copy of their curriculum vitae. Nominations must be received no later than December 1, 1992.

For information about the nomination process, contact the ACCC Executive Office. Phone: 301/984-9496. Fax: 301/770-1949.

## Call For Bylaws Amendments

ACCC Bylaws, adopted March 1984 by the House of Delegates, state: "Bylaws may be amended by the vote or written assent of two-thirds of the Delegate Representatives voting. Written notice of proposed bylaws amendments must be sent to voting members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted on."

Any delegate representative who wishes to suggest a bylaws change must inform the ACCC Executive Office of that intent no later than December 1, 1992, for consideration by the House of Delegates in March 1993. All suggested amendments should be sent to: ACCC, 11600 Nebel St., Suite 201, Rockville, MD 20852. Phone: 301/984-9496. Fax: 301/770-1949.

## ACCC's CRG: An Update

The ACCC's Collaborative Research Group (CRG) recently held meetings of the entire membership, as well as the steering committee. The membership discussed potential affiliations with two new companies. John W. Yarbrow, M.D., Ph.D., the CRG Principal Investigator, shared some of his insights on the successful recruitment of patients. There are now 46 CRG member institutions and applications from an additional four institutions are in the review process.

Robert Knight, M.D., CIBA-GEIGY medical monitor for Aredia protocol #12 (multiple myeloma), discussed progress of three ongoing studies with the group.

The 18 sites that have been activated for the three CIBA-GEIGY studies report that as of mid-September, 45 patients have either been accrued or identified as meeting the eligibility criteria and are ready to be placed on study. An additional four patients have been screened as potential study participants.

A staff survey of member organizations was conducted in the summer to determine how many institutions have bone marrow transplant (BMT) units. The survey found that eight (8) sites have established BMT units (8 autologous and 4 autologous and allogeneic). Since those units have opened, there has been an average of 46.25 patients transplants performed per site. Ten additional institutions are in the process of developing BMT programs.

## Minnesota Chapter Holds Elections

The Minnesota Society of Clinical Oncology, an ACCC chapter member, recently held elections for officers and executive board members. The results were announced at a membership meeting held in September:

Irving J. Lerner, M.D., President  
 Burton S. Schwartz, M.D. Vice President;  
 J. Michael Ryan, M.D., Treasurer.

Board members include:

Harold Londer, M.D.  
 John H. Brown, M.D.  
 Joseph D. Cardamone, M.D.  
 B. J. Kennedy, M.D.  
 Allan J. Schutt, M.D.  
 James E. Krook, M.D.

Appointments as committee chairs included: Burton S. Schwartz, M.D., Scientific Technology Review Committee, and Bruce Peterson, M.D., Membership and Nominating Committee.

The Society reported 43 paid members as of their September meeting.