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### ONCOLOGY SEMINARS: COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Once again, ACCC is presenting regional seminars that focus on the key issues affecting the oncology team at both the state and national levels. Over the past five years, the Association has cosponsored close to 80 such meetings.

These regional reimbursement meetings are intended to help physicians, hospital administrators, and oncology practice managers deal with the increasingly complex business of serving cancer patient needs. Among this year's topics are capitation and managed care trends, major insurers' policies affecting cancer patient care, oncology guidelines, the future value of oncology practice, and access to care issues. The meetings are sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company and Ortho Biotech, Inc.

Four regional meetings have already taken place, one each in Georgia, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Ohio.

Upcoming fall meetings include:

- September 10 in Orlando, Fla.
- October 22 in Tempe, Ariz.
- October 24 in Denver, Colo.
- November 7 in New Orleans, La.
- November 12 in Syracuse, N.Y.
- November 19 in Seattle, Wash.
- November 21 in Pasadena, Calif.

All meetings are free of charge!

If you reside in these states, check your mail in late summer for a brochure with meeting dates, agenda, and registration form.

### UPDATE ON GUIDELINES

The ACCC Guidelines Committee met in Rockville, Md., on May 15-16, 1996, to initiate development of treatment guidelines for a number of cancer sites. Guidelines for treatment of early stage breast cancer have already been distributed to state oncology societies and national oncology organizations for final printing approval.

On May 16, a multidisciplinary

working group comprised of representatives from ACCC, as well as the Oncology Nursing Society and the Association of Oncology Social Work, met to develop guidelines for supportive care and therapies. The following day a multidisciplinary group of representatives from ACCC member institutions developed draft guidelines for supportive therapies. In addition, this group drafted preliminary guidelines for advanced breast, colon, rectal, small cell lung, and nonsmall cell lung cancers. These guidelines will be distributed to the state oncology society presidents and a number of national oncology organizations for review and comment in the weeks ahead.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The ACCC Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the following 1997-1998 board positions:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Five 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, they must represent an ACCC Active member institution or chapter.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the ACCC Executive Office, citing the nominee's name and his or her respective membership affiliation (institution or chapter), along with a copy of the curriculum vitae. Nominations must be received no later than December 2, 1996.

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

### CALL FOR AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Any delegate representative (institution or chapter) who wishes to suggest a change to bylaws must inform

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window displaying the website for the Association of Community Cancer Centers. The page has a purple background with a central image of people. Navigation links include: ABOUT ACCC/DC/CS & EVENTS, CANCER CENTERS & MEMBER PROFILES, NEWS FOR PATIENTS, CANCER TREATMENT & STANDARDS, and PUBLICATIONS, OTHER PAGES & CONTACT ACCC. Below the navigation links, there is a copyright notice: Copyright 1996 Association of Community Cancer Centers. All rights reserved.

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the ACCC Executive Office of that intent no later than December 2, 1996. According to the ACCC Bylaws, adopted March 1984 by the House of Delegates, "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."

### CALIFORNIA CORRECTION

Apologies go out to members of the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc. Their association's name was incorrectly titled in ACCC's new 500-page membership directory, *Community Cancer Programs in the United States 1995-1996*. This reference guide includes nearly 500 community cancer programs, as well as the names of 300 ACCC general members and members of 12 state oncology societies. Copies of *Community Cancer Programs in the United States* were mailed to each ACCC delegate representative. ■