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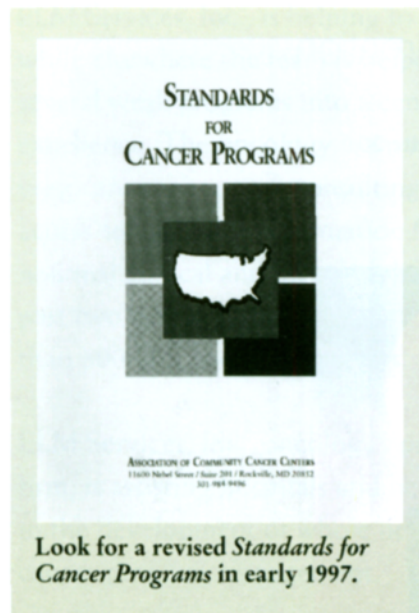
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NEW AND IMPROVED STANDARDS

The ACCC Ad Hoc Committee for Standards, under the leadership of chairperson Nancy A. Nowak, M.A., is in the process of reviewing the Association's *Standards for Cancer Programs*. The *Standards*, which were last updated in 1993, are being reviewed to ensure their appropriateness and will encompass the many changes that are occurring in the delivery of oncology care. Psychosocial services, cancer program leadership, performance improvement programs, multi-modality treatments, patient advocacy, and ethics are among the issues being explored for this new edition.

After internal committee review, the draft publication will be distributed to an interdisciplinary review panel for comment. The revised *Standards* will be printed and distributed in early 1997, thanks to a grant from SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.



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 Kathleen Young in the ACCC Executive Office. Phone: 301-984-9496. Fax: 301-770-1949.

CALL FOR AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Any delegate representative who wishes to suggest a change to bylaws must inform 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."

FALL ONCOLOGY SEMINAR UPDATE

As mentioned in the July/August 1996 *Oncology Issues*, upcoming ACCC regional seminars include:

- 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.

Five regional reimbursement meetings have already taken place, one each in Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Ohio. These 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.

A special session at each upcoming meeting is planned for oncology social workers. Members of the Association of Oncology Social Work are working with ACCC to plan these sessions.

All meetings are free of charge! If you reside in these states, check your mail for a brochure with meeting dates, agenda, and registration form. ☛