

ANCO FAX News

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INTRODUCTION

The *ANCO FAX News* focuses on ANCO's core activities—advocacy, clinical and professional education, membership benefits, and *Association* news. While membership mailings, FAX broadcasts, and ListServ postings continue, the *ANCO FAX News* summarizes this information in a regular forum of important news to members. Contact the ANCO office for additional information regarding any item published in the *ANCO FAX News* or to contribute items.

This is the final *ANCO FAX News* for 2006.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
&
NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

ADVOCACY

[*Editor's Note:* ANCO meets regularly with national, regional, and statewide organizations to discuss issues of importance to hematology/oncology practices and people living with cancer. We continually seek input from members on agenda items for these meetings. Send your issues to the ANCO office.]

**ACCC, ASCO, ASH,
and National Legislative
& Regulatory Issues**

[*Editor's Note:* ANCO is a member of the *Association of Community Cancer Centers* (ACCC) and a state/regional affiliate of the *American Society of Clinical Oncology* (ASCO).

ANCO and the *American Society of Hematology* (ASH) share information with members. We regularly participate with these organizations on matters of national importance to cancer care.]

Congress stopped the 5% percent Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) cut that was scheduled to take effect on January 1st, 2007. The deal would freeze the Medicare conversion factor for physician reimbursement at 2006 levels for one year and would give a 1.5% increase to physicians who participate in the CMS *Physician Voluntary Reporting Program* beginning July 1st.

**There is information in the
ANCO FAX News
for every member of your practice
or organization.
Pass it along!**

- Physician Members
- Nurses & Office Managers
- Office Staff
- Colleagues & Representatives

The *Association of Northern California Oncologists* (ANCO) is an association of hematologists/oncologists dedicated to promoting high professional standards of cancer care by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, data, and knowledge. The material contained in the *ANCO FAX News* is intended as general information for ANCO members. Because diagnostic, treatment, contracting, coding, and billing decisions should be made on a case-by-case basis, any such information contained in the *ANCO FAX News* may not apply in any given situation. Members are encouraged to contact their own consultants or advisors to obtain specific advice on matters relating to contracting, coding, and billing. The information contained in the *ANCO FAX News* should not be used as a substitute for such advice.

The freeze only applies to the 5% SGR cut, and would not affect the recently announced changes to the work relative value units (RVUs).

ACCC will present a special webinar on December 18th to help all members of the oncology team better handle the complexities of oncology management today. The webinar is designed for both hospital cancer programs and physician office settings, and will feature separate tracks. Sessions include:

- Educational/Legislative Update
- Quality Cancer Care (Diane Otte, R.N., M.S., O.C.N., *Oncology Nursing Society*)
- Issues Affecting Quality Cancer Delivery (Joseph S. Bailes, M.D., F.A.C.P., *Past President, American Society of Clinical Oncology*)
- Hospital Track: Implications of the Evolving MMA for Hospitals
- Practice Track: ASCO Practice Management Curriculum: Generating Practice Efficiencies (Phyllis Klein, *Klein Medical Consulting*)

For more information and to register visit www.accc-cancer.org/meet/meet_regional.asp.

CMA, MOASC, and State Legislative & Regulatory Issues

[Editor's Note: ANCO and the Medical Oncology Association of Southern California (MOASC) are members of the California Medical Association's (CMA) House of Delegates and Council on Legislation. ANCO and MOASC coordinate advocacy activities in California.]

The ***California Oncology Political Action Committee*** (or CalCancerPAC), formed by ANCO and MOASC in 2006, supports candidates sensitive to the needs of hematologists/oncologists and people living with cancer in California. ANCO membership dues include a contribution to CalCancerPAC.

California law (AB487) requires physicians to complete 12 hours of continuing medical education (CME) in pain management and the care of terminally ill and dying patients by the end of 2006. Doctors licensed in California after 2002 (when the law was enacted) have four years

from the date of licensure to complete this CME requirement. CMA and the *University of California, San Diego*, have a unique case-based CME program entitled ***Pain Management: A Case-Based CME Program for Physicians*** on DVD that physicians can use to receive their State-mandated CME. Contact UCSD at (888) 229-6263 for more information.

CMA and county medical societies are cohosting a series of seminars to help physician practices assess payor contracts and prepare for contract negotiations. The next *Taking Charge* seminar is scheduled as follows:

- February 27th, 2007; San Ramon

Attendees will learn how to evaluate current and proposed payor contracts; target payors for contract termination, negotiation, or renegotiation; monitor payor compliance with contract terms; and, determine a payor's value to their practice. Participants will also receive a copy of CMA's payor contracting guide *Taking Charge: Steps to Evaluating Relationships and Preparing for Negotiations*. Visit www.calphys.org/html/cc270.asp or call/e-mail Jewel Thompson at (916) 551-2061/jthompson@cmanet.org for more information.

NHIC/Medicare, DHS/MediCal, & Private Payers

[Editor's Note: ANCO meets with National Heritage Insurance Company (NHIC) that administers Medicare in California and the Department of Health Services (DHS) that administers MediCal in California.]

Health care providers are required by law to apply for a *National Provider Identifier* (NPI). For complete information, visit www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand. Physicians who are covered by HIPAA will need these standard unique identifiers to submit HIPAA-compliant claims; physicians who are not covered by HIPAA do not have to obtain NPIs, but may do so if they wish. NPIs will replace health care provider identifiers in use today in standard health care transactions. NPI's are being implemented as follows:

- Through May 22nd, 2007, systems will accept an existing legacy Medicare number and/or an NPI.

- Beginning May 23rd, 2007, systems will only accept an NPI.

An NPI webpage (files.medic-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/npi/npi.asp) has been created on the DHS/MediCal website that serves as a centralized area for all NPI information. This webpage includes access to the online NPI registration tool and NPI updates are posted as information becomes available. There is also a section for FAQs.

Form CMS-1500 was revised to accommodate the reporting of the NPI effective October 1st. The new form will not be mandated for use until February 1st, 2007. There is a dual acceptability period of the old and the revised forms. To learn more about the revised form, visit www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R899CP.pdf.

The *Medicare B Resource* (December 2006) is available online at www.medicarenhic.com/news/provider_news/mbr_dec06.pdf.

The brochure entitled *The Medicare Appeals Process: Five Levels to Protect Providers, Physicians and Other Suppliers* has been updated and is now available at www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MedicareAppealsProcess.pdf. This brochure provides an overview of the Medicare Part A and Part B administrative appeals process available to providers, physicians, and other suppliers who provide services and supplies to Medicare beneficiaries.

An electronic version of the *Evaluation & Management Services Guide*, which provides evaluation and management services information regarding medical record documentation; *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*; *American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology Codes*; and, key elements of service is now available. Visit www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/eval_mgmt_serv_guide.pdf to download your copy.

The revised *Medicare Physician Guide: A Resource for Residents, Practicing Physicians, and Other Health Care Professionals* (previously titled *Medicare Resident & New Physician Guide: Helping Health Care Professionals Navigate*

Medicare) is now available in downloadable format on the Medicare Learning Network Publication Page located at www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/MPUB/list.asp.

Visit www.medicarenhic.com/whats_new/whats_new.shtml to learn **the latest information** (updated weekly) **from NHIC/Medicare**. Weekly updates are also posted on ANCO's WebLog (at www.anco-online.org/news/index.html; under *California News*).

EDUCATION

[*Editor's Note:* ANCO organizes clinical and professional education meetings throughout the year and throughout Northern California.]

San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium Highlights 2006

ANCO's annual *San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium Highlights 2006* will take place on Tuesday evening, January 30th, 2007 at *The Claremont Resort* in Oakland. Faculty from *Stanford* (Frederick M. Dirbas, M.D.), *UC Davis* (Helen K. Chew, M.D.), and *UC San Francisco* (Alison Bevan, M.D., Ph.D.) will review the clinically most important research results presented at December's *Symposium*. This meeting will be moderated by Robert W. Carlson, M.D., *Stanford*, and accredited by *Indiana University*. A meeting announcement was mailed to all members on December 13th. Download the registration form at www.anco-online.org/sabcs.pdf.

Medicare Reimbursement for Oncology 2007

ANCO's annual *Medicare Reimbursement for Oncology* meetings will take place the last week in January in Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Fresno. Watch for a meeting announcement and registration form in late December.

Emerging Therapies for Blood Cancer Patients

ANCO is a community sponsor of the *Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Emerging Therapies for Blood Cancer Patients* taking place on February

3rd, 2007 at the *Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel* in San Francisco. The educational program will include local expert presentations for people living with hematological malignancies on the latest research discoveries in blood cancer. For more information or to register visit www.lls.org/sf/ash or call Suzanne Kaufman at (415) 625-1106 or e-mail kaufmans@lls.org.

Highlights of ASH

ANCO is a cosponsor of ASH's *Highlights of ASH* program taking place on February 9-10th, 2007 in Marina Del Rey. The educational program will include expert analysis of groundbreaking research from abstracts presented at the ASH 2006 *Annual Meeting*. Attendees will not only hear expert analysis, but will also have the opportunity to discuss real cases with leaders in the field, network with colleagues, and earn CME credits. For more information, visit www.hematology.org/meetings/highlights. (Please note: ANCO will also organize its annual *ASH Highlights* on February 21st, 2007 at the *Hotel Nikko*, San Francisco.)

Additional Education Meetings

Other meetings of possible interest to ANCO member practices are:

December 19th
Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML): Update from the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting
 CancerCare
 Telephone Education Workshop

December 20th
The Latest Developments Reported at the 29th Annual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium
 CancerCare
 Telephone Education Workshop

December 21st
Update on Lymphoma Treatment from the 2006 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting
 CancerCare
 Telephone Education Workshop

January 18th, 2007
Update on Clinical Trials for Indolent (Follicular) Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

CancerCare
 Telephone Education Workshop
 January 19th-21st, 2007
2007 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium
 American Society of Clinical Oncology
 Orlando

February 8-9th, 2007
Maximizing a Healthy Revenue Cycle
 Medical Group Management Association
 Boston

February 10-11th, 2007
Implementing Best Practices of Successful Medical Groups
 Medical Group Management Association
 Boston

February 17th-21st
27th Annual Conference: Clinical Hematology & Oncology
 Scripps Cancer Center
 San Diego

February 21st, 2007
Nutrition and Cancer: Beyond Calories—Building Lean Body Mass
 CancerCare
 Telephone Education Workshop

February 22nd-24th, 2007
2007 Prostate Cancer Symposium
 American Society of Clinical Oncology
 Orlando

March 9-11th, 2007
4th Annual Oncology Nursing Advanced Practice: Innovation Through Practice
 Scripps Cancer Center
 San Diego

March 14-18th, 2007
12th Annual Conference: Clinical Practice Guidelines and Quality Cancer Care
 National Comprehensive Cancer Network
 Hollywood, Florida

March 28th-31st 2007
33rd Annual National Meeting: Navigating Rough Waters—How to Stay the Course
 Association of Community Cancer Centers
 Baltimore

Please contact the ANCO office for more information about these meetings.

MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES & BENEFITS

ANCO On-Line

ANCO's independent website at www.anco-online.org features:

- a general description and introduction to the *Association*, its activities, leadership, and membership benefits.
- advocacy information (including ANCO and ASCO MMA resources).
- clinical and professional education meeting announcements and distributed materials.
- survey reports, publications, ListServ, and WebLog.
- clinical trials information.
- links to affiliated organizations; and, updated physician, nurse, manager, and patient resources.

ANCO On-Line ListServ & WebLog

The ANCO *Online ListServ* is available to all ANCO physician members, nurses, practice managers, and Corporate Member representatives. It is a source for the latest ANCO news and other information impacting hematology/oncology practices. These postings are digested in the ANCO *Online WebLog* at www.anco-online.org/news/index.html (see below). It is also a way for ANCO members to communicate amongst themselves. To post an item to the ANCO *Online ListServ*, send e-mail to anco@anco-online.org. (*Please note: Only subscribers to the ANCO Online ListServ may post items and the ANCO Executive Director will review all postings for appropriate content. In addition, to communicate directly and privately with the ANCO Executive Director, send e-mail to execdir@anco-online.org.*) All ANCO physician members and their staffs are encouraged to subscribe, participate, and use the ANCO *Online ListServ* to receive ANCO information electronically and to communicate with colleagues about issues of importance to hematology/oncology practice. To subscribe, send your e-mail address to the ANCO office at

execdir@anco-online.org. The ANCO *Online ListServ* should be as interactive and open to discussion as possible. However, subscribers must bear in mind that all posts/replies to the *ListServ* are received by all the subscribers. Therefore, personal requests and replies not intended for the entire group of subscribers (e.g., meeting RSVPs) should not be posted on the *ListServ*. In addition, and in accordance with HIPAA regulations and anti-trust law, neither patient identifying information nor practice economic information should be included in any *ListServ* communication. To reply to an individual one-on-one or "off *ListServ*", address your e-mail to the intended recipient directly. For such communication in response to a *ListServ* item, subscribers need to "forward" the message "to" the intended recipient's e-mail address, or "reply" to the message and replace the "to" e-mail address with the intended recipient's e-mail address. If one inattentively "replies" to the *ListServ* posting, then the entire group of subscribers will receive the reply.

The WebLog (ANCO News On-Line) posts and archives important news for hematology/oncology practices on an almost daily basis. Among the additional news topics covered at www.anco-online.org/news/index.html are:

- ACCC Alerts
- ANCO Meeting Announcements
- ASCO's e-News and Cancer Policy Today
- ASH Practice Update
- CMA Alerts
- CMS/Medicare Website Updates
- NHIC/Medicare Website Updates

ANCO urges its members to bookmark www.anco-online.org/news/index.html (or subscribe to www.anco-online.org/news/rss.xml using your favorite news reader software; e.g., RssReader for Windows or NetNewsWire for Macintosh) and refer to it often.

Benefits

ANCO continues to seek ways to make membership more beneficial. The *Board*

constantly identifies, reviews, and approves of additional membership benefits. In addition to the benefits derived from its advocacy, educational, and information dissemination activities, ANCO members also benefit from group purchasing activities and value added services from a number of vendors, including:

- **California Oncology Consortium (COC) Group Purchasing Organization (GPO).** The COC GPO has preferred vendor agreements and discounted pricing with *International Oncology Network (ION)/Oncology Supply (OS)*, and *McKesson Specialty Oncology Services* (formerly *National Oncology Alliance* or *NOA*). Contact your local ION/OS or McKesson/NOA representatives for more information.
- **Oncology Pharmaceutical Services (OPS),** a division of *US Oncology*. Contact Sean Taylor at (415) 235-4673 or sean.taylor@usoncology.com for more information.
- **Onmark, OTN's preferred group purchasing organization.** Contact Monique Weston at (650) 871-2108 or monique.weston@onmarkservices.com for more information.
- **IntrinsiQ's IntelliDose Discount Program** makes *IntelliDose*, a clinical oncology software solution, available to ANCO members at a significant discount. In addition, ancillary products/services, and maintenance fees will also be discounted for ANCO member practices. Contact Kris Beinder at *IntrinsiQ* directly at (800) 565-2279, x151 or kbeinder@intrinsiq.com for more information about *IntrinsiQ Research* and *IntelliDose* or visit www.intrinsiq.com.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Annual Election—Update

Bradley C. Ekstrand, M.D., Ph.D., was Board certified in Medical Oncology in 2003. This information was inadvertently omitted from the Annual Election materials distributed on December 5th.

Board of Directors

The ANCO *Board of Directors* meets regularly by teleconference and occasionally in person to discuss issues affecting the *Association*, clinical and professional education, and ways to better serve the membership. *Board* meetings are open to individual physician members. The next regularly scheduled ANCO *Board of Directors* teleconference will take place in January 2007. Please call José Luis González, *ANCO Executive Director*, at (415) 472-3960 if you wish to participate in a future meeting.

Individual Member News

Robert S. Miller, M.D., a past *President* of ANCO and current *Board* member, is a candidate for election to the ASCO *Board of Directors*. ANCO urges all members to support Dr. Miller's candidacy. The following statement is from Dr. Miller:

I have been privileged to represent the interests of fellow California oncologists as a member of the ANCO *Board of Directors* since 1996. I am now honored to stand election for the Community Oncology seat on the ASCO *Board of Directors* for 2007-2009. I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider supporting my candidacy for the position. If elected, I will work diligently on behalf of all ASCO members, but especially for those of us who continue to deal firsthand with the escalating challenges of community practice that we know all too well. I believe the experience I have gained as a private practitioner in Northern California since 1992 qualifies me for the position, and I would be deeply honored to represent all of you. And please consider voting for two fellow physicians from Northern California also running in this election—Brandy Sikic (*Stanford University*) for the ASCO *Board* and Eric Small (UCSF) for *Nominating Committee*. Both have contributed much as researchers and clinicians, and I believe they deserve your support as well.

The ANCO Directory of Members 2006 was published and mailed to ANCO physician members; nurse and office manager contacts; and, Corporate Member representatives at the end of June. Additional copies are available from the ANCO office upon request. Please verify your *Directory* entry and contact the ANCO office with any corrections, additions, and/or deletions. The next *Directory* will be published in June 2007.

The following **update(s) to the *Directory*** should be inserted in the appropriate location(s):

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Institutional Member News

ANCO thanks the following **Institutional Members** for their support:

- *Stanford University Medical Oncology*
- *University of California, Davis, Cancer Center*
- *University of California, San Francisco*

For information on **continuing medical education meetings being organized by our Institutional Members**, please visit:

- med.stanford.edu/seminars/cme-all.jsp?qcme=on
- www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cme/conferences
- www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/index.aspx?Display=Date

UCSF's **6th Annual Clinical Cancer Update** takes place at Lake Tahoe on January 26-28th, 2007. Visit www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MSU07006 for more information.

UCSF's *Current Controversies in Urologic Oncology* takes place in San Francisco on February 2nd-3rd, 2007. Visit www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MUR07001 for more information.

Stanford's *9th Annual Multidisciplinary Management of Cancers: A Case-based Approach* (formerly the *Northern California Tumor Board at Silverado*) will be presented by the *Stanford University School of Medicine* on March 16-18th, 2007. Tumor boards on breast, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and thoracic cancers; hematological malignancies and lymphoma; ethics, supportive, and palliative care; and, dilemmas in patient management will be presented by faculty from *Stanford, UC Davis, UC San Francisco*, and the community. Registration and case submission materials can be downloaded from cancer.stanford.edu/calendar/events/2007/ammc.html or obtained from Jennifer Schafer at (650) 724-2288 or schafer@stanford.edu.

UCSF's *2nd International Symposium on Cancer and the Lymphovascular System* takes place at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco on May 3rd-5th, 2007. Visit www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MSU07002 for more information.

Corporate Member News

ANCO thanks the following **Corporate Members** for their generous support that enables ANCO to grow and expand its services for the hematology/oncology community in Northern California, and to provide its members and their patients with substantial benefits in the areas of advocacy, education, and information dissemination:

*AMGEN • APP/Abraxis Oncology
AstraZeneca
Bayer Oncology/Onyx Pharmaceuticals
Berlex Laboratories • biogenIDEC
Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology
Cephalon Oncology • Clariant Diagnostics
Enzon Pharmaceuticals
Genentech BioOncology
Genotope Corporation • Genomic Health*

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International Oncology Network
Lash Group Healthcare Consultants
Lilly Oncology • Matrix Oncology
McKesson Specialty Oncology Services
MedImmune Oncology • MGI Pharma
Millennium • Novartis Oncology
Oncology Pharmaceutical Services
Oncology Supply • Onmark
Ortho Biotech/Tibotec Therapeutics
OSI Pharmaceutical • OTN
Pfizer Oncology • Pharmion
Roche Oncology • Sanofi Aventis Oncology
Schering-Plough Oncology • SuperGen*

Bayer Pharmaceuticals/Onyx Pharmaceuticals are offering a series of webcasts entitled *The ABCs of Part D* now through December 19th. Visit www.nexavar.com for more information, webcast dates/times, and to register.

Genentech BioOncology informs ANCO that the *United States Food and Drug Administration* has approved Herceptin as part of a treatment regimen containing doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and paclitaxel for the adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing, node-positive breast cancer. Adjuvant therapy is given to women with early-stage (localized) breast cancer who have had initial treatment surgery with or without radiation therapy with the goal of reducing the risk of cancer recurrence and/or the occurrence of metastasis disease.

MGI Pharma informs ANCO that Dacogen has been assigned J0894 (1mg) effective January 1st, 2007. Dacogen is approved for the treatment of patients with MDS.

Onmark and Roche Oncology are offering a webcast on January 11th entitled *Evaluating Specialty Pharmacy for Patient's Oral Chemotherapy Needs*. For more information and to enroll, visit onmarkevents.webex.com/onmarkevents, select a date, and click on enroll.

Clinical Trial News

BreastCancerTrials.org (BCT) is a web-based, pilot project, to match breast cancer patients with clinical trials sponsored by the *National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Center for Bioinformatics*, the *University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)*

Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the *Center of Excellence for Breast Cancer Care*. Patients looking for trials may enter detailed information about their cancer history into a completely confidential and secure online database. The patient's *Personal Health Record* (PHR) is used to match the patient with breast cancer trials that medical researchers have registered with BCT. Visit www.breastcancertrials.org for more information.

Learn more about California's law requiring the coverage of routine care costs for patients enrolled in clinical trials at

www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cancer/clinical_trials/bigc/ where you can download ANCO's patient education brochure on SB37.

The *National Cancer Institute* (NCI) also has a *Clinical Trials Education Series* to help recruit patients. It is available from (800) 4-CANCER or www.cancer.gov/publications.

Patient News

The *Patient Advocate Foundation's* (PAF) *Colorectal CareLine* (CCL), a national toll free telephone hotline designed to offer assistance to all colorectal cancer patients and healthcare providers seeking educational resources, direct assistance with access to care issues, and/or financial aid for select patient needs, including lodging, transportation, childcare and other expenses associated with out-of-town treatment. The hotline can be accessed at (866) 657-8634 or patients may visit www.colorectalcareline.org.

PhRMA has printed a directory of patient assistance programs offered by its member companies that provide free or reduced price medicine to people in need. Download this directory at www.asco.org/asco/downloads/PhRMA_Brochure.pdf.

Publications, Services, & Surveys

The *Quality Oncology Practice Initiative* (QOPI) is a practice-based quality improvement program developed by ASCO volunteers. QOPI includes a set of quality measures, a specified chart selection methodology, a secure system for data entry, automated data analysis and reporting, and a network of resources for improvement. Twice a year, staff at participating practices

conduct a retrospective review of patient charts. Following every data collection period, the QOPI system generates a report for each practice. QOPI data can be used to satisfy the new practice performance improvement requirement for *ABIM Maintenance of Certification*. Register for QOPI at www.asco.org/QOPI.

The August (Vol. 15, No. 4, November 2006) issue of ACCC's *Compendia-Based Drug Bulletin* is now available. ACCC's *Drug Bulletin* is a quarterly update of information on oncology drugs recognized by the two national reference compendia. Visit www.accc-cancer.org/PUBS/drugbul_nov06.pdf to download this edition. In addition, ACCC has launched a searchable database of oncology drugs and their indications published in its *Compendia-Based Drug Bulletin* and recognized by the two national reference compendia at www.accc-cancer.org/drugindex/drugindex_search.asp.

Caring4cancer.com is a portal with all the specific coding and billing information a busy oncology practice manager needs. It includes cancer-specific Medicare regulations, forms, coding education pieces, and a subscription to a free newsletter from Bobbi Buell. Visit www.caring4cancer.com and select *Practice Management*).

Membership Dues for 2006

Membership renewal notices for 2007, an annual election ballot, and 2006 *Annual Report* were mailed to all members on December 5th. Return your 2007 membership dues to ANCO now to ensure your inclusion in *The ANCO Directory of Members 2007*. Be sure to provide ANCO with the name(s) of office and/or nurse manager contact(s). Those not renewing their membership by June 1st, 2006 will be deleted from the *Directory of Members*, and will no longer be eligible any other ANCO benefits. Contact the ANCO office if you did not receive or misplaced your membership dues renewal notice.

ANCO seeks new members. **All members of a practice should join ANCO.** Provide the ANCO office with the names and addresses of colleagues you would like invited to join ANCO.

A larger ANCO is a stronger ANCO!