

ANCO FAX News

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The *ANCO FAX News* has information for every member of your practice or organization. Pass it along!

- ☐ Physician Members
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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.

ADVOCACY

[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 Medical Oncology Association of Southern California (MOASC) are members of the California Medical Association's (CMA) Council on Legislation, House of Delegates, and specialty delegation. ANCO meets regularly with these and other 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, COA, and National Legislative & Regulatory Issues

The 2017 ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code updates, including a complete list of code titles, are available online at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2017-ICD-10-CM-and-GEMs.html. In addition, CMS has published *Clarifying Questions and Answers Related to the July 6, 2015, CMS/AMA Joint Announcement and Guidance Regarding ICD-10 Flexibilities* that addresses some of the issues regarding the 12-month grace period or flexible implementation date ending in October 2016 (see page 8 of the document at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Clarifying-Questions-and-Answers-Related-to-the-July-6-2015-CMS-AMA-Joint-Announcement.pdf).

ASCO has confirmed that CMS is currently working to correct technical errors that occurred when they recently updated national coverage policies regarding certain genetic tests. CMS confirms that steps are being taken to reprocess claims that have been denied. According to CMS, the errors occurred during the mapping process from ICD-9 to ICD-10. A list of affected codes is at www.asco.org/sites/new-www.asco.org/files/content-files/Cytogenetic-Testing-Codes.pdf.

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced efforts to help mitigate the shortage of Bleomycin. The FDA will be coordinating with Amneal Bioscience to import its Bleomycin that contains the same active ingredients as the FDA-approved Bleomycin. For more information, read the full letter to healthcare professionals at www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/UCM511198.pdf.

CMS is considering moving the start date for select provisions and using shorter baseline reporting periods for MACRA based on

stakeholder feedback. As proposed, MACRA redefines how Medicare will reimburse oncologists for care they provide starting in January 2019. However, because evaluation begins in less than six months (i.e., 2017), it is imperative that oncologists understand and prepare for this reimbursement change now. Medicare intends to pay each provider a different fee based on their value and performance. Providers will choose one of two pathways. Providers choosing the *Merit-Based Incentive Payment System* (MIPS) will be paid higher or lower fees for each service provided based on their Composite Performance Score. Providers choosing the *Advanced Alternative Payment Model* (APM) will participate in risk-based programs and receive a 5% bonus. Services provided in 2017 will form the basis for payments in 2019 and the actions you take starting in January 2017 will result in a reduction of up to 4% or increase of up to 22% in your Medicare revenue in 2019. Go to www.asco.org/macra for more information, including new ASCO MACRA resources and educational events. Download ASCO's step-by-step guide to preparing for MACRA and Top Ten List for MACRA Readiness at www.anco-online.org/ASCOMACRAPrep.pdf and www.anco-online.org/ASCOMACRATopTen.jpf, respectively. Read ASCO's comments on the proposed MACRA regulations at www.asco.org/advocacy-policy/asco-in-action/asco-submits-comments-proposed-macra-implementation-rule. Listen to ACCC's webinar on MACRA at attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/2308644939852908546/4288900566134237187/execdir@anco-online.org. Read ACCC's comments on the proposed MACRA regulations at www.accc-cancer.org/advocacy/pdf/2016-ACCC-Comment-Letter-to-CMS-on-Proposed-MACRA-Rule.pdf. Read COA's comments on the proposed MACRA regulations at www.communityoncology.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/COA_CMS_MACRA_5517PR_Comment_Letter_FINAL.pdf. CMA's MACRA resource center is at www.cmanet.org/macra. Read Bobbi Buell's analysis of the MACRA proposal at www.anco-online.org/BBMacraAnalysis.pdf.

The 2015 *Physician Quality Reporting System*

(PQRS) feedback reports will be available in September 2016 for individual eligible professionals and PQRS group practices. The PQRS feedback reports will provide the final determination on whether or not participants met the PQRS criteria for avoiding the 2017 PQRS negative payment adjustment. Additional information about the 2015 PQRS feedback reports and how to request an informal review will be available on the PQRS website (www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/2015_Physician_Quality_Reporting_System.html) and through the QualityNet Help Desk at (866) 288-8912 or qnet-support@hcqis.org. The 2015 annual *Quality and Resource Use Reports* (QRURs) will also be available in September 2016 for groups with 2 or more eligible professionals and solo practitioners. Groups and solo practitioners are identified in the QRURs by their *Taxpayer Identification Number*. Additional information about the 2015 annual QRURs and how to request an informal review is available at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/2015-QRUR.html or through the QRUR Help Desk at pvhelpdesk@cms.hhs.gov or (888) 734-6433 (option 3).

CMA, MOASC, and State Legislative & Regulatory Issues

Forthcoming CMA webinars include:

- CHPI Physician Quality Rating Program: Navigating the Review and Corrections Process (October 5)

Contact CMA's member help center at (800) 786-4262 or memberservice@cmanet.org for more information. Register online at www.cmanet.org/events.

CMA Practice Resources (CPR) is a monthly e-mail bulletin from CMA's *Center for Economic Services* that is full of tips and tools to help physicians and their office staff improve practice efficiency and viability. Subscribing to CPR is free and open to anyone, but CMA membership is necessary to access the resources, toolkits, forms, and tools that are located on the members-only CMA website. Please visit www.cmanet.org/cpr to subscribe.

Noridian/JEMAC, DHCS/MediCal, & Private Payers

Noridian Administrative Services is the Jurisdiction E (JE) *Medicare Administrative Contractor* (MAC). Jurisdiction E includes California. Regularly review postings at the *Noridian/JEMAC* website at med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb. Recent updates include:

- MLN Connects Provider eNews *Announcements*—ICD-10: Updated Questions and Answers; EHR Incentive Programs: Submit Comments on Proposed Rule by September 6; ICD-10 Assessment and Maintenance Toolkit *Events*—SNF Quality Reporting Program Webcast-September 14; SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program Call-September 28 *Publications*—Next Generation Accountable Care Organization-Implementation MLN Matters Article-New; Medicare and Medicaid Basics Booklet-New; PQRS Call: Audio Recording and Transcript-New; HIPAA Basics for Providers: Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules Fact Sheet-Revised
- Non Covered Services LCD-R13
- MLN Connects Provider eNews-August 18, 2016
- Mammography Services Reminder
- New Generation Accountable Care Organization-Implementation SE1613
- MPFSDB-October 2016 Quarterly Update-Revised CR9749

Noridian/JEMAC's Electronic Data Interchange Support Services (EDISS) invites you to subscribe to its e-mail distribution list to receive current information at www.edissweb.com/cgp/news/index.html.

Forthcoming Noridian/JEMAC meetings/workshops include:

- Understanding National and Local Coverage Determinations (September 8)

Visit med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/education/training-events for more information and to register.

Noridian/JEMAC will soon be deactivating billing privileges for physicians who received revalidation

notices from *Noridian* but have not submitted completed applications to CMS.

Noridian/JEMAC reports that only 19% of physicians have responded to the most recent revalidation process. To prevent deactivation, CMA recommends that practices look up their revalidation dates through the CMS look-up tool. If it shows that your practice missed the deadline, then you should submit and sign your application online immediately. Visit med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/article-detail/-/view/10546/provider-enrollment-revalidation-cycle-2 for more information.

DHCS/MediCal is surveying physicians for feedback on the effectiveness of DHCS/MediCal's fee-for-service provider relations activities, including the telephone service center, cash control unit, regional reps, publications, and provider seminars/trainings. Learn more about the survey and participate at www.cmanet.org/news/detail/?article=practices-encouraged-to-take-dhcs-medi-cal.

Subscribe today to receive the DHCS/Medi-Cal Subscription Service (MCSS) via e-mail. The MCSS is a free service that can help keep you up-to-date on the latest DHCS/MediCal news. Go to the MCSS Subscriber Form (files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/mcss/mcss.asp) to subscribe.

A list of DHCS/MediCal webinars is at <https://learn.medi-cal.ca.gov>.

UnitedHealthcare's Network Bulletin (September 2016) is now available online at unitedhealthcareonline.com > Tools & Resources > News & Network Bulletin and features articles entitled Communication Effectiveness Survey, Termination of the ICD-10 Code Look-up Tool, and Changes in Advance Notification and Prior Authorization Requirements.

EDUCATION

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

ANCO's ASCO Highlights 2016

ANCO's *ASCO Highlights 2016* took place on Saturday, August 27th at *The Claremont Resort* in Oakland. Faculty from *Stanford University*, the *University of California, Davis*, and the *University of California, San Francisco* summarized the research and treatment advances reported at *ASCO's Annual Meeting*. Download the

presentations at www.anco-online.org/education.html.

ANCO's 2016 Hematological Malignancies Updates

ANCO is organizing a series of *Hematological Malignancies Updates* in 2016. The second *Update* will take place on September 17th at the *Hyatt Regency Sacramento* with Bruno Medeiros, M.D., *Stanford University*, Aaron Rosenberg, M.D., *University of California, Davis*, and Rajeev Krishnan, M.D., *University of California, Davis*. The latest research on novel treatment modalities for acute and chronic leukemias, and myeloma, along with case studies for these diagnoses will be presented. The program begins at 8:30AM with breakfast. This meeting is supported by *Janssen Biotech*, *Seattle Genetics*, and *Takeda Oncology*. Space is limited to the first 50 physician or nurse registrants only. Meeting announcements were mailed in mid-August. To register for this meeting, please send your name, affiliation, and e-mail address to execdir@anco-online.org (Subject: 3Q2016 Clinical Meeting) or download and FAX the registration form at www.anco-online.org/3Q2016HemeMalig.pdf.

SAVE THE DATE

17th Multidisciplinary Management of Cancers: A Case-based Approach

The 17th *Multidisciplinary Management of Cancers: A Case-based Approach* returns to the *Silverado Resort and Spa* in Napa on March 17-19th, 2017. The meeting is sponsored by the *University of California, San Francisco, Office of Continuing Medical Education* and the *Association of Northern California Oncologists* and presented in collaboration by the *Stanford Cancer Institute*, *UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center*, and the *UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center*. Go to www.multicancers.org to receive registration, housing, and additional information about this meeting as it becomes available.

Additional Education Meetings

Other meetings of possible interest to ANCO member practices are:

September 6th

Advances in the Treatment of Metastatic Prostate Cancer

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop (www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

September 7th*Medical Update on Ovarian Cancer*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

September 9-10th*Palliative Care in Oncology Symposium: Patient-Centered Care Across the Cancer Continuum*

American Society of Clinical Oncology

San Francisco

(pallonc.org)

September 10th*1st Annual Symposium on Integrating Immune Therapy & Targeted Therapy into Standards of Care for Solid & Hematologic Malignancies*

Biomedical Learning Institute

San Francisco

(www.bmli.com/live/immune/registration.php?x=628c)

September 12th*Preventing Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

September 16-17th*2016 ASH Meeting on Hematologic Malignancies*

American Society of Hematology

Chicago

(www.hematology.org/Malignancies/)

September 20th*Update on Advanced Ovarian Cancer*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

September 21st-22nd*ASCO Advocacy Summit 2016—Lead, Engage, Influence*

American Society of Clinical Oncology

Washington, D.C.

(www.asco.org/advocacy/2016-advocacy-summit-capitol-hill)

September 23rd*Are You Ready for MACRA? Tools and Resources to Help You Prepare*

American Society of Clinical Oncology

Alexandria, VA

(www.surveymonkey.com/r/S652SG8)

September 30th*Advances in the Treatment of Renal Cell Cancer*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

September 30th*ICLIO National Conference: Immuno-Oncology—**There's More to Discover*

ACCC's Institute for Clinical Immuno-Oncology

Philadelphia

(accc-icllo.org/events/iclio-2nd-national-conference/)

October 5th*Update on Triple Negative Breast Cancer (Part I of Living with Triple Negative Breast Cancer)*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

October 6th*Update on Mantle Cell Lymphoma*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

October 19th-21st*ACCC 33rd National Oncology Conference: The How-To Conference for the Cancer Care Team*

Association of Community Cancer Centers

St. Louis

(www.accc-cancer.org/meetings/NOC2016.asp)

October 26th*Coping with the Stresses of Caregiving When Your Loved One Has Triple Negative Breast Cancer (Part II of Living with Triple Negative Breast Cancer)*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

October 30th-November 2nd*2016 Annual Conference*

Medical Group Management Association

San Francisco

(www.mgma.com/annual-conference/why-attend)

November 1st*Advances in the Treatment of Lung Cancer (Part I of Living with Lung Cancer)*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

November 2nd*Treatment Update on Pancreatic Cancer*

CancerCare Connect Education Workshop

(www.cancercare.org/connect_workshops)

December 3rd-6th*58th ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition*

American Society of Hematology

San Diego

(www.hematology.org/Annual-Meeting/)

January 19th-21st*2017 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium: Multidisciplinary Precision Care—Progress and Innovation*

American Society Clinical Oncology
San Francisco
(<http://gicasymp.org>)

January 27-28th

*Cancer Survivorship Symposium: Advancing Care
and Research—A Primary Care and Oncology
Collaboration*

American Society Clinical Oncology
San Diego
(<http://survivorsym.org>)

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

training skills to newer members of the *Society*.
Applicants must have completed their final
subspecialty training between 2007 and 2012. To
learn more about the *Program*, please visit
www.asco.org/leadership.

A current *Directory of Members* is available online
at www.anco-online.org/pubs.html as a .pdf
document. We urge all ANCO members to
download their own edition of *The ANCO
Directory of Members*. Please verify your *Directory*
entry and contact the ANCO office at
execdir@anco-online.org with any corrections,
additions, and/or deletions.

ASSOCIATION & MEMBERSHIP NEWS, RESOURCES, & BENEFITS

Board of Directors

The ANCO *Board of Directors* teleconferenced on
June 22nd to discuss and/or act upon the
following issues:

- CMS's proposed CY2017 Medicare
Physician Fee Schedule
- California legislation and ballot
initiatives
- Membership
- Educational meetings

Contact the ANCO office for additional
information on any of these items.

The ANCO *Board of Directors* meets by
teleconference and occasionally in person to
discuss issues affecting the *Association*, clinical and
professional education, and ways to better serve
the membership. *Board* teleconferences/meetings
are open to individual physician members. The
**next regularly scheduled ANCO *Board of
Directors* teleconference is scheduled for October
18th**. Please call José Luis González, ANCO
Executive Director, at (415) 472-3960 if you wish
to participate in a future teleconference/meeting.

Individual Member News

Applications for ASCO's *Leadership Development
Program* are now open and must be received by
September 23rd. Participants in this year-long
Leadership Program will gain extensive exposure
to the roles and mission of ASCO, its Leadership,
and the *Society's* powerful place in developing the
future of cancer care, providing both an
orientation to ASCO as well as as leadership

Group Member News

ANCO initiated a **Group Membership** in 2008
based on a mutual set of perceived values and
benefits and a mutual set of interests. The ANCO
Board believes that the *Association* and *The
Permanente Medical Group* (TPMG) will each
receive value from Group Membership.

ANCO initiated a **Multi Site Group Membership**
in 2010 to encourage all physicians (medical and
radiation oncologists) from multi-site and
multidisciplinary practices to join. ANCO thanks
*Diablo Valley Oncology & Hematology Medical
Group*, *EPIC Care*, *Pacific Cancer Care*, *Palo Alto
Medical Foundation*, and *Valley Medical Oncology
Consultants* for their multi site group
memberships.

Institutional Member News

ANCO initiated an **Institutional Membership** in
2002. *Department(s) of Hematology and/or
Oncology* of accredited, degree granting teaching
universities or research institutions are eligible for
institutional membership. ANCO thanks the
following Institutional Members for their
support:

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

Corporate Member News

ANCO thanks the following **Corporate Members**
for their generous support that enables ANCO to
provide services to 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:

*AbbVie • Alexion Pharmaceuticals • AMGEN
ARIAD Pharmaceuticals • Astellas Oncology
AstraZeneca • Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals
Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology
Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions
Celgene • Clovis Oncology • Daiichi Sankyo
Dendreon • Eisai • Foundation Medicine
Genoptix Medical Laboratory
GenPath Oncology • Genentech BioOncology
Genomic Health • Gilead Sciences
Guardant Health • Helsinn Oncology
Heron Therapeutics • Incyte
Infinity Pharmaceuticals
Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals
Janssen Oncology • Jazz Pharmaceuticals
Lilly Oncology • Merrimack Pharmaceuticals
Medivation • Merck
nanoString • Novartis Oncology
Oncology Supply/ION • Pfizer Oncology
Pharmacyclics • Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.
Sandoz Biopharmaceuticals • Sanofi Genzyme
Seattle Genetics • Taiho Oncology
Takeda Oncology • Tesaro • TEVA Oncology*

We especially wish to thank and welcome *AbbVie, ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Clovis Oncology, GenPath Oncology, Guardant Health, Heron Therapeutics, Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Ipsen Pharmaceuticals, Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Prometheus Laboratories, Inc., Sandoz Biopharmaceuticals, Taiho Oncology, and Tesaro* as new Corporate Members for 2016. *Biodesix, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, and Sargass Pharmaceutical Adherence & Compliance (SPAC) International* did not renew their memberships for 2016. Please visit www.anco-online.org/assistance.html for **Corporate Member drug reimbursement and patient assistance program information**. ANCO encourages all member practices to use this resource and enroll all patients at the start of treatment in all available and appropriate patient assistance programs.

AbbVie will host a clinical discussion entitled *Venclexta for Treatment of Previously Treated CLL with 17p Deletion* with Herbert Eradat, MD, UCLA, on September 14th in San Francisco. Please RSVP by September 9th to Greg Bennett at (760) 625-2449 or go to abbvie.meintl.com/OHD08-OB03-16.

Clinical Trial News

ASCO's *Research Community Forum* (formerly the *Community Research Forum*) is expanding to

have a greater impact on research sites from all types of research settings. The *Forum* is inviting researchers and staff from all types of sites to participate in this unique venue with the aim to advance cancer research and support research program management. The *Forum's* annual meeting takes place at ASCO on September 25-26th. Please visit www.asco.org/research-progress/research-community-forum/forum-annual-meeting to learn more and register.

Stanford Cancer Center brings the following oncology clinical trials (not previously listed or changed) to the attention of the ANCO membership:

- Intraoperative Pancreatic Cancer Detection Using Multimodality Molecular Imaging. (NCT02736578). Principal Investigator: George Poultsides, MD; Contact: Alifia Hasan, (650) 721-6509, alifia@stanford.edu

Further information is available at cancer.stanford.edu/trials/.

Publications, Resources, Services, & Surveys

ANCO and MOASC have partnered with **SullivanLuallin Group** to offer your practice the opportunity to participate in an Oncology-based **Patient Satisfaction Survey**. The *Survey* is designed to assess your organization's performance in key areas associated with the ACO and PQRS CAPHS Surveys. **SullivanLuallin Group's eSurv: Online Patient Satisfaction Survey** platform allows you to efficiently and cost-effectively capture how your patients feel about your systems, services, and performance. Download more information and an enrollment form at www.anco-online.org/PtSurvey2016.pdf.

ANCO and MOASC are jointly conducting a **2016 staff salary survey**. The survey was e-mail/FAXed to all members in mid-May and is available online at www.anco-online.org/salsrvy.html. A \$50 Visa gift card for respondents is included in this year's survey. Return your completed survey no later than September 30th; results will be analyzed and reported in 4Q2016.

ANCO encourages all members to participate in ASCO's **Practice Census**, the only annual survey of the entire oncology community that aims to capture and describe changes in cancer care and oncology practice over time. Be counted by going to <https://apps.asco.org/oncology-practice-central/Survey/#/>.

ASCO's *Clinical Affairs Department* is dedicated to providing services, education, and resources to support oncology practices. It offers hands-on assistance in areas such as practice management, quality care assessment and improvement, and efficiency and business intelligence to meet the needs and demands of the current oncology landscape. Resources on the business of oncology, practice management (staffing, technology), practice transformation, and market analysis are available from the *Department*. For more information, visit www.asco.org/asco-in-action/asco's-clinical-affairs-department-opens-new-survey-practice-operations.

ASCO's PracticeNET is a collaborative network in which practices share and receive insights to enhance their business operations and quality of care. PracticeNET is the first initiative of ASCO's *Clinical Affairs Department*. This new initiative uses existing data from your practice management system to offer customizable reports that measure practice-wide and individual performance against a national database of other PracticeNET participants. Go to www.asco.org/PracticeNET for more information.

CMS has approved ASCO's *Quality Oncology Practice Initiative* (QOPI) as a qualified clinical data registry (QCDR), a pathway for oncologists to meet the agency's current quality reporting requirements. Oncology practices registered with QOPI will have the opportunity to fulfill CMS's PQRS or QCDR reporting requirements through QOPI. QOPI is designed to promote excellence in cancer care by helping oncologists create a culture of self-examination and improvement. ASCO offers the *QOPI Certification Program* to recognize QOPI participants who achieve rigorous standards for cancer care. Go to www.instituteforquality.org/qopi-qcp for more information.

The sixth edition of the *ASH Self-Assessment Program* (ASH-SAP) contains 23 pertinent peer-reviewed chapters, covering the full spectrum of adult and pediatric hematology. Order your copy or learn more at www.hematology.org/BuyASHSAP6.

ACCC has launched a free multimedia, online learning portal at www.accc-cancer.org/elearning that provides two-way, engaging education on operational, administrative, and clinical topics.

ACCC's 2016 *Patient Assistance and Reimbursement Guide* is an essential tool for cancer program staff to use in helping patients

with issues related to the cost of treatment and in meeting reimbursement challenges. The *Guide* features a list of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical patient assistance programs (PAPs), including directions on how to apply and links to enrollment forms. New for 2016 are tips for optimizing co-pay assistance programs and new financial advocate skills for the new healthcare environment. Visit www.accc-cancer.org/publications/pdf/Patient-Assistance-Guide-2016.pdf to access this resource. In addition, ACCC has developed a tool for accessing patient assistance and reimbursement programs for use on a desktop, table, or mobile device. The *Financial Advocacy Network* (FAN) app is available at accc-fan-app.org. ASH also has a webpage (at www.hematology.org/Clinicians/Drugs/Programs/) that provides a consolidated list of resources for hematologists and patients trying to access high cost hematologic drugs. And, at NCCN's Reimbursement Resource Room (www.nccn.org/reimbursement_resource_room/default.asp) you can select a cancer diagnosis or supportive care indication and learn about reimbursement help and services available to you. Finally, *assistPoint* is your website for complimentary one-stop cancer Patient Assistance. You can search by generic, brand name, manufacturer, or diagnosis for the enrollment forms you need; get enrollment form PDFs for 113 cancer drugs; get NDC numbers for all of those drugs; find the HCPCS J-code for each drug; get coding and billing guidelines for many drugs; and, learn more about the drugs you give. Go to www.assistpoint.com to learn more.

The *National Comprehensive Cancer Network* (NCCN) has published new NCCN Imaging Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) for the following cancer types: esophageal and esophagogastric junction cancers, gastric cancer, malignant pleural mesothelioma, melanoma, ovarian cancer, penile cancer, small cell lung cancer, and thymomas and thymic carcinomas. For more information, go to www.nccn.org/ImagingAUC.

NCCN has published and/or updated their *Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology* and/or *Drugs & Biologics Compendium* for bone cancer (V1.2017), central nervous system cancers-gliomas (V1.2016), gastric cancers (V3.2016), myelodysplastic syndromes (V1.2017), ovarian cancer (V1.2016), penile cancer (V2.2016), and small cell lung cancer (chemotherapy order templates).