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## ASTRO wins three 2009 Communicator Awards

Fairfax, Va., June 22, 2009 – The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) has been honored with three Communicator Awards for its work on the *Radiation Therapy for Cancer* brochure, *ASTROnews* and the 2008 Annual Report. All three ASTRO publications were recognized with Awards of Excellence and awarded the Gold Communicator Award, which is the highest honor that the Communicator Awards bestows.

The Communicator Awards is an annual competition honoring the best in advertising, corporate communications, public relations and identity work for print, video, interactive and audio. More than 7,000 entries were submitted this year from ad agencies, interactive agencies, production firms, in-house creative professionals, graphic designers, design firms and public relations firms. The awards are judged and overseen by the International Academy of the Visual Arts (IAVA).

“Congratulations to the dedicated volunteers on ASTRO’s Communications Committee and *ASTROnews* Editorial Board as well as the entire Communications Department for this well-deserved honor,” Laura Thevenot, ASTRO CEO, said. “These individuals work hard year-round to produce these award winning publications for ASTRO members and the patients they treat and it further validates their hard work when a prestigious organization like the Communicator Awards recognizes them.”

*Radiation Therapy for Cancer* is ASTRO’s most well-read patient resource. It is a 24-page booklet helping patients and their families understand how radiation therapy works as they consider their treatment options. A free copy can be downloaded from [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org). *ASTROnews* is the Society’s quarterly magazine providing important articles helping radiation oncologists and their treatment team members provide the best care possible to their patients. Articles can be found at <http://cs.astro.org/blogs/astronews/>. The 2008 Annual Report focused on the many accomplishments of the organization during its first 50 years. It can be viewed at <http://www.astro.org/AboutUs/AnnualReports/>.

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*ASTRO is the largest radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, biology and physics, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through education, clinical practice, advancement of science and advocacy. To learn more about ASTRO, visit [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org).*

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