

Session Content References

Chair's Address: ASTRO Prior Authorization Survey and Research Agenda

Monday, April 29, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Clinical care and research in radiation oncology have both advanced significantly thanks to federal investments in cancer research. The specialty is on the cusp of even more breakthroughs with strong support from the National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute (NCI). Radiation oncologists need to better understand important NCI radiation therapy research initiatives and how they can support those efforts, as well as ASTRO's priority topics for radiation therapy-related research. In addition, physicians and radiation oncologists are increasingly burdened by prior authorization, which is resulting in delays in patient care. Radiation oncologists need to understand how prior authorization is negatively impacting clinical practice.

Upon completion of this live activity, attendees should be able to do the following:

1. Describe key federal cancer research initiatives and understand their potential impact on patient care and their practice.
2. Understand ASTRO's research priorities to better advocate for radiation oncology patients.
3. Learn about new data on how prior authorization is impacting radiation oncologists and patients.

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1. Analysis of the 2017 American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Research Portfolio Yu, James B. et al. International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics , Volume 103 , Issue 2 , 297 - 304
2. National Institutes of Health Funding in Radiation Oncology: A Snapshot Steinberg, Michael et al. International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics , Volume 86 , Issue 2 , 234 – 240
3. Prior Authorization: This will take time. DOI: 10.1200/JOP.18.00303 Journal of Oncology Practice 14, no. 8 (August 1 2018) 455-456.

Federal Issues Briefing

Monday, April 29, 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ASTRO has identified professional practice gaps in physician understanding and educational resources for staying current on ASTRO's legislative priorities at the federal level. To practice in the current, ever-evolving environment, radiation oncologists need to understand how these policies will impact their practice and the field of radiation oncology.

Upon completion of this live activity, attendees should be able to do the following:

1. Discuss ASTRO's legislative priorities regarding payment models, radio isotopes, prior authorization and cancer research funding.

2. Effectively summarize the federal legislation that has an effect on the practice of radiation oncology.
3. Effectively summarize the federal issues and specific legislation that has an effect on the practice of radiation oncology.

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1. Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network. Measuring Progress: Adoption of Alternative Payment Models in Commercial, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Fee-for-Service Programs. October 22, 2018
2. Jones Sanborn, Beth. CMS Promises more APM's, continued flexibility, better alignments of report tracks for MACRA; Healthcare Finance, March 16, 2018.

Social Media and Advocacy: How to Get Engaged Online

Monday, April 29, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

ASTRO has identified professional practice gaps in physician understanding of the advocacy benefits of using social media to connect with federally elected officials on legislative priorities that are important to the field of radiation oncology. To be an effective advocate for the profession, radiation oncologists, and members of the therapy team, need to understand the various platforms they can use to effectively advocate.

Upon completion of this live activity, attendees should be able to do the following:

1. Find their legislators official profiles online.
2. Post relevant and timely materials online in an informative and non-combative way.
3. Connect with their elected officials through social media platforms, and use relevant hashtags.

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1. Ammann, S. L. (2010). A political campaign message in 140 characters or less: The use of Twitter by U.S. Senate candidates in 2010.
2. Golbeck, J., Grimes, J., & Rogers, A. (2010). Twitter use by the U.S. Congress. Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, 61, 1612-1621.
3. American Society for Information Science and Technology, 61, 1612-1621.