

ASCO
formally known as
THE AMERICAN
SOCIETY OF CLINICAL
ONCOLOGY

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Mission

ASCO is a professional oncology society committed to conquering cancer through research, education, prevention and delivery of high quality patient care

Vision Statements:

- Access to high quality, effective, affordable and compassionate care
- Make accurate cancer information available for informed decisions
- Use information learned from patients to accelerate progress against cancer
- Promote resources to attract the best clinicians and investigators for care and research
- Pursue recognition for ASCO as the most trusted source of cancer information worldwide

Background

- Founded 1964 from docs from American Association of Cancer Research (AACR)
- Need for society focusing on clinical oncology
- Private non-profit
- Headquarters in Alexandria, VA
- 280 full time staff/ 30,000 plus members
- Governed by 19 member Board
- Volunteer Committees accomplish work
- Annual meeting attracts over 30,000

Member Categories

- *Student/Non-Oncology Resident (free!)*
- International Corresponding
- Affiliated Health Professional
- *Allied Physician/Doctoral Scientist*
- Member in Training
- *Full Member-Active Junior*
- *Full Member-Active*
- Contact membermail@asco.org
- Call: 888-282-2552
- Website asco.org click on "Join ASCO"

Professional Development Committee



The diagram shows the Professional Development Committee structure. At the top is the 'Professional Development Committee'. Below it are three sub-committees: 'Career Development & Research', 'Clinical Practice & Education', and 'Quality, Safety, & Patient Care'. The ASCO logo is at the top left of the diagram.

Medical Student Oncology Project Proposal

- Brought to ASCO by Dr. Michael Lotze
- NBME site visit spearheaded by Dr. Lotze and chaired by ASCO Professional Development member Jim Stewart, MD
- Dr. Lotze presented the project and its importance to the PDC in September at a working dinner
- The PDC gave formal support at the next day's session for more involvement with medical student testing, training and recruitment

ASCO Action Items

- Submit PDC approved proposal to Finance/ASCO BOD to sponsor a stakeholder's meeting
- Partner with CABTRAC, U Pittsburgh and Boston University to write a final report on the NBME USMLE visit
- Support the NBME Stemmler grant application
- Expand beyond teaching/curriculum to recruitment
- Participate in scholarly activities (grants/papers)

Summary Statement

Part of our mission to conquer cancer now involves partnering with CABTRAC and others on how to best educate medical students in the biology and general practices of cancer care. We feel that it is important to identify what they need to know as one of the first steps. We are excited to join your efforts as we begin to admit medical students into ASCO.

Questions and Comments

Next Steps:
How Can We Support Each Other ?

Thanks to all who have been involved and supportive of the NBME visit and Stemmler grant proposal. If you have participated thus far, please raise your hand.

