Southwest Oncology Group

2002 Spring Group Meeting

April 17-21, 2002 — Dallas, Texas
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion

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2002 Spring Meeting

— Saturday, April 20, 2002 —
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion
Dallas, Texas

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. • Presentations

— 2002 Spring Program —

“Selected ASCO Abstract Presentations”
(Speakers to be Announced)
**“Young Investigators” Selection Announced**

The “Young Investigators” Training Course is designed to foster the role of young clinical investigators as they begin a career in cancer clinical trials. Fifteen talented young physicians have completed the program since its initiation in 1999 by the The Hope Foundation with support from Ortho Biotech Oncology.

Candidates for the program undergo a rigorous and competitive application process prior to being selected to participate in the intensive training that includes four days at the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office and four days at the Group’s Statistical Center. The training program includes statistical principles, data collection and analysis, critical decision-making, protocol development and other Group procedures.

Three protocols initiated by previous graduates of the Young Investigators Course were activated in 2001 and five others are currently in various stages of development.

Investigators selected for the Spring 2002 course in March are: Michele Basche, M.D., The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center; Ana Aparicio, M.D., USC/Norris Cancer Center; Tatjana Koleveska, M.D., Columbia University; and Purvi K. Shah, M.D., University of Rochester.

The Southwest Oncology Group and The Hope Foundation congratulate these “Young Investigators” and welcome them into the challenging world of cooperative group research.

We are very proud of this session’s selected participants!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 sessions of the “Young Investigators” Training Course have been suspended to prevent time conflicts for Committee Chairs and other key personnel that might interfere in the Competitive Renewal Application process. (Please see complete information in the newsletter article on this same page.) We look forward to resumption of the Training Course activity in Fall 2003.

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**Fall 2002 & Spring 2003 “Young Investigators” Training Suspended**

To afford the maximum time for Committee Chairs and other key personnel to participate in preparation of the Group’s Competitive Renewal Application, the decision has been made to suspend the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 sessions of the Young Investigators Training Course. The normal schedule will return with the Fall 2003 session.

Thorough preparation and timely submission of the Competitive Renewal Application is critical; the outcome affects every Group Member. The renewal application includes reports of scientific achievement, ongoing research, and future plans of the Group’s Disease, Discipline and Standing committees. Also included in the Group Core Grant are administrative programs (such as the Quality Assurance Program) and contributions from all other membership programs (Affiliate, CCOP, CTEP Minority and UCOP).

The Renewal Application date is February 1, 2003; prior to that the schedule of activities is as follows:

- **February 16-17, 2002:** Committee Retreat for Brain, Breast Biology, CRA, Cytogenetics, GI, GI Tumor Bank, GYN, Lymphoma Biology, Leukemia, Leukemia Biology, Myeloma, Myeloma Biology, and Sarcoma Committees.
- **September 28-29, 2002:** Full Committee Retreat.
- **February 1, 2003:** Grant Due.
- **Spring 2003:** Practice Site Visit.
- **Spring 2003:** Site Visit by the NCI.

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**Study Coordinators Workshop (SCWS) Scheduled for Spring 2002 Group Meeting**

*For Physician Investigators Planning to Conduct a Southwest Oncology Group Trial*

Are you a Southwest Oncology Group physician interested in conducting a Southwest Oncology Group coordinated research trial? If so, the Study Coordinators Workshop is for you!

**ALL physician investigators who have never served as a Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator and who wish to coordinate a Group protocol MUST attend the Study Coordinators Workshop.** The primary objective of the course is to provide the foundation necessary to perform your responsibilities as a Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator. The course is scheduled Thursday, April 18, beginning at 12:00 Noon. Coffee, sodas and snacks will be provided; lunch will not be served. There is no registration fee for the Study Coordinators Workshop. Please refer to page 22 in this newsletter for the course agenda.

**Participants must attend the full course to receive approval to coordinate a Southwest Oncology Group research trial.**

Please contact Camille White at 206-652-2267 or Dana Sparks at 210-677-8808 with questions specific to the Study Coordinators Workshop.
**S0016: Defining the Role of Antibodies in the Treatment of Newly Diagnosed Follicular Lymphomas**

Over the past few years, the Southwest Oncology Group has initiated a coordinated series of clinical trials to define the role of monoclonal antibodies in the treatment of follicular lymphomas. The chimeric anti-CD20 antibody, rituximab, has provided a convenient, effective and popular option for the treatment of B-cell lymphomas and is widely employed by practicing oncologists.

More recently, randomized trials have shown that radiolabeled anti-CD20 antibodies, such as Iodine-131-tositumomab (Bexxar®) and Yttrium-90-ibritumomab (Zevalin®) produce higher overall and complete response rates than non-radioactive anti-CD20 antibodies. However, there still is no objective evidence from randomized trials that either rituximab or radiolabeled antibodies alter the natural history of follicular lymphomas or that they prolong survival.

The Southwest Oncology Group is addressing this important research question in the S0016 protocol. This study randomizes patients to either 6 cycles of CHOP alone, CHOP plus rituximab or CHOP followed by Iodine-131-tositumomab. Pilot studies of CHOP plus rituximab (S9800) and CHOP plus Iodine-131-tositumomab (S9911) have been conducted by the Southwest Oncology Group in the past 2-3 years and were presented at the American Society of Hematology meeting in December 2001. Seventy-three eligible patients completed therapy as planned on S9800. The overall response rate for the study was 72%. The complete response rate was 37% after CHOP and 54% after completing rituximab. The estimated failure-free survival after two years on S9800 was 74% and the two-year overall survival was 95%. One hundred and two patients were treated on S9911 with CHOP followed by Iodine-131-tositumomab. Seventy-one patients were treated on S9911 are currently evaluable. The regimen was extremely well tolerated with no treatment-related deaths. The overall response rate was 84% on the study and the complete response rate was improved from 31% after CHOP to 54% after receiving Iodine-131-tositumomab. The one-year overall survival rate is 99% and the one-year progression-free survival rate is 92%.

These pilot trials demonstrated the feasibility and safety of combining rituximab or I-131-tositumomab with CHOP and exhibited promising efficacy. However, to determine definitively whether survival and failure-free survival are improved with the use of either rituximab or Iodine-131-tositumomab, a Phase III randomized comparison is required. The Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) has recently joined this intergroup trial.

Please consider enrolling your eligible lymphoma patients onto this protocol. For further medical or treatment-related information, contact Dr. Oliver Press by telephone at 206-667-1872 or by e-mail (press@u.washington.edu). For general questions regarding the protocol, contact the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office at 210-677-8808. Thank you for your support and participation in this very important study.

**New Member Nomination Deadline**

The next deadline for submitting membership nominations to the Operations Office is **March 15, 2002**. Prior to each Group Meeting, nominations are considered for Member, CCOP, Affiliate, UCOP and Special Member investigators. Nominations are reviewed by the Membership Committee and recommendations are made to the Board of Governors.

In order to process a new investigator nomination, all of the following must be received in the Operations Office **by the deadline**:  
- Application for New Investigator Form  
- Nomination letter from the Principal Investigator  
- The nominee’s most recent curriculum vitae, stating whether or not the nominee is board certified  
- FDA Form 1572 for Group studies  
- New investigator pharmacy information  
- Affirmation of Integrity Statement  
- Purchase Service Agreement (Affiliate investigators only)  
- Certification of Education in the Protection of Human Subjects  

Incomplete nominations will not be processed until a complete packet is received.  
For a complete outline of the nomination process, please refer to Southwest Oncology Group Policy Memorandum No. 7 at the Group’s web site (http://swog.org). For your convenience, the Application for New Investigator Form can be downloaded and printed.
Fun in the Chicago Forest

The cold, damp weather on Saturday morning, October 27, in Chicago, Illinois, did not deter the die-hard runners and walkers of the Southwest Oncology Group. We commend them for their determination and dedication, for their spirit and their stamina, and for their good natured sportsmanship. We look forward to more of the same in Dallas in April!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Fall 2001 “Crush the Crab” 5K Run, with special acknowledgement to Dr. E. David Crawford who not only finished 1st in his age division, but also finished FIRST OVERALL.

Special thanks are extended to The Schering Corporation and Glaxo SmithKline, sponsors of the “Crush the Crab” 5K Run and the Fitness Walk, respectively.

You might be wondering what happened to the photo of our winners in the Men 50 & Over competition. You have to know that these are seasoned runners who compete on a regular basis; the only explanation we could conjure up was that they were too fast for the camera lens. We’ll catch up with them in Dallas!

MEN 50 & OVER

E. David Crawford, 1st Place
and First Place OVERALL

Allen Hauser, 2nd Place

Brian Issell, 3rd Place

MEN 40 to 49 (L-R): Peter V anveldhuizen, 3rd Place, and Jay Stauffer, 2nd Place. (First Place winner Amas Das is missing from photo)

WOMEN 40 to 49 (L-R): Lupe Salazar, 3rd Place, and Mary Ellen Leary, 1st Place. (The 2nd Place winner, Jane Jordan is missing from the photo.)

MEN, 39 & UNDER (L-R): Ian Malcolm, 3rd Place; Benjamin Gross, 1st Place; and Vincent Mysliwiec, 2nd Place.

WOMEN 39 & UNDER (L-R): Teresa Gaspard, 1st Place; Angela Mysliwiec, 2nd Place; and Helen Chew, 3rd Place.

WOMEN 50 & OVER (L-R): Nora Galvin, 2nd Place; Sue Riley, 1st Place; and Cay Crowley, 3rd Place.
The CCRC is Your One-Stop Shopping Place for Good Ideas in Dallas

J. R. Ewing may be moldering in the purgatory of Hollywood cads. The Dallas Cowboys may have limped through yet another season with dashed play-off hopes. But, Dallas, cheer up! The Cancer Control Research Committee (CCRC) is coming to town in April for the Spring 2002 Group Meeting with an agenda of scientific delights that is sure to put Dallas back on the list of most desirable U.S. cities.

The CCRC is extremely pleased to announce that David S. Alberts, M.D., Director, Cancer Prevention and Control, Arizona Cancer Center, will be the scientific keynote speaker for the CCRC Open Meeting in Dallas. Dr. Alberts’ presentation, entitled “Establishing Networks of Gynecologists, Gastroenterologists, Urologists and Dermatologists for Cancer Chemoprevention Trials in the Southwest Oncology Group—What I Want to Do when I Grow Up,” is especially timely as the CCRC collaboratively pursues translational chemoprevention on a variety of fronts. Dr. Alberts already has developed within the Group the Gynecologic Cancer Prevention Research Network (alluded to in his keynote title), which will facilitate a currently proposed collaboration between the CCRC and Gynecologic Committee to translationally study the cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2)-selective nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) celecoxib in high-grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) (Primary Study Coordinator Dr. William R. Robinson III). The CCRC collaborates with the GI Committee and others in developing the Group’s participation in the translational “Celecoxib and Selenium Study: Colon Cancer Prevention Program Project” (recently activated at the universities of Arizona and Colorado). This GI prevention trial follows our completed pilot study of calcium chemoprevention in the setting of colorectal recurrent adenomas and second primary cancers. The CCRC also collaborates with the GU Committee on the ongoing translational study of selenium in high-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) (S9917) (Primary Study Coordinator Dr. James R. Marshall). Translational chemoprevention trials in premalignant lesions are an important, difficult challenge for us, or for any other cooperative oncology group. Delivered by one of the world’s leading authorities on cancer chemoprevention, Dr. Alberts’ keynote talk will provide guideposts for conducting successful translational prevention trials in the cooperative group setting.

Dr. Philip J. Kuebler, Chairman of the Harry E. Hynes CCOP Symposium, has announced exciting plans for the CCOP Symposium in Dallas. Dr. Lori M. Minasian, Chief of the NCI DCP Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group, will talk about recent NCI cancer control initiatives and support from new NCI Director Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach. Other planned Symposium presentations include a panel discussion on “Successful Accrual Methodologies for SELECT” by PIs of top CCOP accruers to the SELECT and an update from Primary Study Coordinator Dr. James R. Marshall on recruitment to S9917 (selenium in high-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia [PIN]). Dr. Kuebler and the CCRC will announce the final CCOP Symposium plans for Dallas when they have matured. The CCRC also is pleased to announce that Laura Simonoff, Ph.D., Professor of Health Services at Case Western Reserve, will address the Behavioral and Health Outcomes (BAHO) Subcommittee Meeting in Dallas on the use of decision aids in clinical treatment decision-making.

So, put away those tired posters of your favorite Dallas evening soap stars. Retire your droopy Dallas Cowboy banners. It’s time to back a winner! Mark your SPRING Group Meeting calendars:

Saturday, April 20, noon to 3:00 p.m.—so you won’t miss the important keynote presentation of Dr. Alberts and the always-relevant Harry E. Hynes CCOP Symposium coming your way from the CCRC in Dallas

— and —

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. —the BAHO special presentation of Dr. Simonoff’s timely talk

New CTEP Web Page Launched

We are pleased to announce the launch, in January 2002, of a redesigned CTEP web site (http://ctep.cancer.gov). The site has been extensively revised to update information on clinical trial development and management and provide better navigation for users in addition to complying with the 508 guidelines for site accessibility. We have modified our home page structure to be consistent with the format of other NCI web sites and to offer a comprehensive view of the information available to provide efficient access to resources.

The Investigators’ Handbook has also been updated to include revised adverse event reporting. A PDF format is available to facilitate downloading and printing of the document for local distribution; an HTML version of the Handbook is currently being developed.

For several months, the home page of the original CTEP web site has announced the transition to the new format so users could preview the redesigned site and adjust their bookmarks. The old site has now been retired and archived and visitors will automatically be advanced to the new site so there will be no disruption in access.

Comments and suggestions should be sent to the webmaster by accessing the contact link at the top of each screen.

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Southwest Oncology Group
Radiation Medicine Committee Educational Symposium

“Daily Targeting of Intrahepatic Tumors Undergoing Radiotherapy”
Laura A. Dawson, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Radiation Oncology
Member, Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of Michigan School of Medicine

“BAT (B-Mode Acquisition & Treatment) Ultrasound Positioning for Upper Abdominal Tumor Targets Undergoing Radiotherapy”
Martin Fuss, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Radiation Oncology, The University of Texas Health Science Center
Member, San Antonio Cancer Institute

Friday, April 19, 2002
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion

— S0002 Training Session —
Spring 2002 Southwest Oncology Group Meeting
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion in Dallas, Texas
Friday, April 19, 2002 — 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

S0002 Helps Early-Stage Lung Cancer Patients Kick Nicotine Addiction — This Trial Is Now Activated!

You are invited to attend a two-hour training session for S0002, an exciting trial newly activated that targets early-stage, non-small cell lung cancer patients who continue to smoke. The training session is scheduled for Friday, April 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Spring 2002 Group Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

The study will compare the effectiveness of an anti-depressant drug, bupropion (Zyban), with a placebo in helping patients to stop smoking. All patients will receive nicotine replacement therapy and a behavioral intervention, which will be primarily delivered by nurses and CRAs. You may download a copy of the protocol from the Southwest Oncology Group web site.

Participants in the training session will receive in-depth training in all aspects of the trial, and will learn state-of-the-art smoking cessation techniques.

For more information, contact Amy Lazev, Ph.D., at ablazev@mdanderson.org or 713-792-58781

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Manuscripts Published November 2001 — January 2002

The publications listed below are those that have been received in published form by the Operations Office Publication Specialist November 20, 2001, through January 28, 2002.

Manuscripts published since last newsletter


Abstracts published since last newsletter


9007 Prognostic implication of additional cytogenetic aberrations in de novo acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with t(15;17), t(8;21) or inv(16)/t(16;16). PH Wiernik, H Kim, H Gundacker, G Dewald, ML Slovak, E Paietta, FR Appelbaum, MS Tallman. Blood 98(11):843a-844a, (#3502), 2001.


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SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP PROTOCOL UPDATE
A Recap of Protocol Activity as Outlined in the November 15, 2001 — February 01, 2002, Mailings

The PROTOCOL UPDATE is meant to be a handy reference of protocol activity during the time stated. When noting Temporary Closures and Re-Activated Protocols, bear in mind that temporarily closed studies are often reopened after observation of some degree of antitumor activity in the initial cohort of patients. Other reasons for reopening studies could include revision of the protocol to enhance the margin of safety for patients, or resolution of administrative problems, such as with drug supply or drug distribution. If you have any questions about a temporary closure or a re-activation, you may wish to contact the Study Coordinator for more information.

ACTIVATIONS (NOTE: No Activations 01/15/02 and 02/01/02)


S0119. Phase II Trial of Gemcitabine and Irinotecan in Patients with Untreated Extensive Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC). Study Coordinators: Drs. W.L. Akerley and P.J. Hesketh. Activation, 01/01/02, S0126. Phase II Trial of Chronic Oral ZD1839 (Iressa®) in Both Previously-Untreated and Previously-Treated Patients with Selected Stage IIIB and IV Bronchioloalveolar Carcinoma (BAC). Study Coordinators: Drs. H. West and R. Vance. Activation, 12/01/01.


SWOG-9451. Induction Chemotherapy Followed by Chemoradiation for Organ Preservation in Patients with Advanced Resectable Cancer of the Hypopharynx and Base of Tongue, Phase II. Study Coordinator: Dr. S.G. Urba. Permanent Closure (effective 12/01/01).


S0109. A Phase II Study of Flavopiridol (NSC-649890) 1 Hour Bolus Days 1–3 Q21 Days in Patients With Advanced Resectable Cancer of the Hypopharynx and Base of Tongue, Phase II. Study Coordinator: Dr. S. Martino. Permanent Closure (effective 01/01/02).


S0109. A Phase II Trial of Chronic Oral ZD1839 (Iressa®) in Both Previously-Untreated and Previously-Treated Patients with Selected Stage IIIB and IV Bronchioloalveolar Carcinoma (BAC). Study Coordinators: Drs. H. West and R. Vance. Activation, 12/01/01.

CLOSURES (NOTE: No Closures 12/15/01)


E1199. A Phase III Study of Doxorubicin-Cyclophosphamide Therapy Followed by Paclitaxel or Docetaxel Given Weekly or Every 3 Weeks in Patients With Axillary Node-Positive or High Risk Node-Negative Breast Cancer. Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator: Dr. S. Martino. Permanent Closure (effective 1/8/02).


TEMPORARY CLOSURE

S0101. Gemcitabine Plus Irinotecan in Patients With Esophageal Cancer, Phase II. Study Coordinator: Dr. S.K. Williamson. Temporary Closure (effective 2/1/02).

Please Note: CTSU Protocol Endorsed by the Southwest Oncology Group are listed on page 10.

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Data Operations has MOVED!

Since 1984, data operations for Southwest Oncology Group member institutions and affiliates have been housed at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC). On June 1, 1999, CCOP data management was moved to Cancer Research And Biostatistics (CRAB). We are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2002, all of data operations for the Southwest Oncology Group have been reunited at the offices of Cancer Research And Biostatistics!

The reunification of data operations will allow several advantages including benefits to institutions! For example, we are now able to accept faxed data submission from all SWOG institutions! (Intergroups will be offered this option at a later date TBA). Effective immediately, Southwest Oncology Group Member institutions, High Priority institutions, CCOPs, UCOPs, and Special Members may submit data to the Data Operations Center via fax at 206-839-1760 or 206-652-4612. Fax data must be accompanied by our special “Fax Data Submission Cover Sheet,” which is available online at www.crab.org or by calling 206-652-2267.

In addition, the re-location of data operations to CRAB has necessitated shortened business hours for both our new Data Operations Center at CRAB and the Statistical Center at FHCRC. See the contact information below.

NOTE: This move applies only to data operations. The Operations Office in San Antonio and the statisticians at the Statistical Center at FHCRC have not moved.

On behalf of all of us at the Statistical Center at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the new Data Operations Center at CRAB, we appreciate your patience and continued support! Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

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**CTSU Protocol Endorsed by the Southwest Oncology Group**

**CTSU/B-30**, A Three-Arm Randomized Trial To Compare Adjuvant Adriamycin, Taxotere, and Cyclophosphamide (ATC) in Breast Cancer Patients With Positive Axillary Lymph Nodes. **Activation, 01/01/02.** (Southwest Oncology Group endorsement of CTSU menu protocol – available electronically only.)

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Breast Self-Examination (BSE) Workshop Provides Thorough Instruction in This Important Technique

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is expected to account for 203,500 new cancer cases in U.S. women during 2002. Breast cancer alone is expected to account for 31 percent of all new cancer cases among women in 2002. When looking at deaths from cancer, breast cancer ranks first as the cause of cancer death for women between age 20 to 59 years.

Isn’t it about time you learned BSE?

Women can take responsibility for their own health care and one way of doing this is to practice breast self-examination (BSE). It is an easy ten-minute procedure that can be conducted in the privacy of the home. Breast self-examination, along with mammography and physical examination, can give women the best opportunity of detecting breast abnormalities at the earliest possible time. The earlier breast cancer is diagnosed and treated, the better the prognosis. Ninety percent of abnormalities are discovered by women and/or their partner — this statistic makes it all the more important for women to learn how to appropriately examine their breasts.

Two one-hour workshops, which are open to anyone interested, will be conducted by Patra K. Grevstad, RN, MN, during the Spring 2002 Group Meeting in Dallas on Friday, April 19, 2002. The first afternoon session is from 12:30-1:30 p.m., and the second is from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The workshop objectives are:

- To understand the importance of conducting regular breast self-examination.
- To demonstrate a knowledge of the steps and methods for effective breast self-examination.
- To distinguish healthy breast tissue from abnormal breast tissue.

Objectives will be met by utilizing discussion and a hands-on examination of breast models having examples of abnormal tissue.

If you just want to refresh your knowledge or learn the technique for the first time, this workshop is for YOU! Don’t miss this opportunity...we know you’ll be glad you attended!

Group Meeting Opportunities for Women, Minorities, and Persons With Disabilities

The Southwest Oncology Group is committed to an appropriate representation of all members at all Group-sponsored meetings. Therefore, all factions of the Group, including both genders and all races or ethnicities, as well as persons with disabilities, are encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings.

The Southwest Oncology Group offers committee meetings of particular interest to women and minorities, including the Committee on Women and Special Populations. There are also frequent symposia and Plenary Session presentations featuring gender and minority research issues.

Group members with disabilities may wish to contact the Operations Office at the time of their meeting registration to ensure that arrangements are made for appropriate accommodations and accessibility to all Group functions. To assist in this effort, we have revised our meeting registration forms to include an area in which persons with disabilities may identify any special needs required for their meeting attendance.
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SWOG-9321, (INT-0141, CALGB-9312, ECOG-S9321) “Standard Dose Versus Myeloablative Therapy for Previously Untreated Symptomatic Multiple Myeloma,” is undergoing its final formal interim analysis prior to publication. This is by far the biggest trial of high dose therapy versus standard therapy in Multiple Myeloma and it is extremely important that all outstanding queries and overdue follow-up be submitted to the Southwest Oncology Group Data Operations Center by March 8, 2002.

We are accepting data faxed at this number: 206-652-4612
addressed to Remi using the CRAB fax cover sheet (downloaded at www.crab.org).

We greatly appreciate your cooperation,

Southwest Oncology Group Myeloma Committee

CCRA Examination Offered at Spring 2002 Group Meeting in Dallas

The Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) clinical research associate certification examination will be offered at the Southwest Oncology Group meeting in Dallas. The examination, conducted by SoCRA, will be Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The deadline for application is March 7, 2002.

The purpose of the certification program is to create an internationally accepted standard of knowledge, education, and experience by which clinical research associates will be recognized as professionals in medical research. Individuals achieving a passing score on the examination may use the title “Certified Clinical Research Professional” or the initials “C.C.R.P.” after their name.

Applicants must be current members of SoCRA in good standing and have been employed two of the last five years as a clinical research associate. You may apply for membership in SoCRA at the same time you apply for the certification examination.

The certification examination consists of five major areas of content: 1) conduct of clinical trials; 2) institutional review boards and regulations; 3) ethical issues; 4) ability to follow directions; and 5) abstracting information from medical records. Applications for the certification examination and membership in SoCRA may be obtained by calling 1-800-SOCRA92 or 215-345-7749. Information may also be obtained from the Web site at the following address:

www.socra.org

The Southwest Oncology Group contact person is Debbie Christie (601/984-1099).

ANNOUNCING!

Southwest Oncology Group
2002 Spring Group Meeting
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MELANOMA Working Group — Biology Subcommittee

◊◊ Special Program ◊◊

featuring

Jeffrey A. Lee, M.D.
Associate Professor of Surgical Oncology
Department of Melanoma
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

presenting

“Relationship of HLA Class II Alleles to Melanoma Recurrence and Prognosis: Results and Potential Mechanisms”
Southwest Oncology Group Web Update

For some time the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office and Statistical Center have been working toward implement- ing a single-password logon scheme. Our goal is to allow more seamless access to the appropriate level of Web resources by having users logon once to the Members portion of the Group’s Web site, with links from there to all of its Web resources. While much of this work has been in development behind the scenes, it will soon be time for these changes to be implemented. A final cut-over date has not been determined, but it will be advertised via the web site as we get closer to that date.

What this means to you as a Southwest Oncology Group Web user is that, instead of having to logon using two separate usernames and passwords to first access a protocol and then to complete a Web Registration, you will soon be able to logon one time using your Roster ID and your own individual password to access both the protocol and to complete the online registration. As a result, your current institution-level shared passwords (that you’ve used to access protocols, for example), will no longer be valid. You will need to logon using your Roster ID and your own individual password.

The options available when you logon will be determined by your associations with the Group and your role at your local institution. For example, a Head CRA at a Member institution participating in both Therapeutic studies and SELECT would be able to logon to the Member’s portion of the Web site and find links for WebReg, the SELECT Workbench, the Roster and various institutional reporting tools such as forms expectations. Or, a physician participating only in SELECT would be able to logon and find a link to the SELECT Workbench and to the Roster, but no link to WebReg since he or she is not eligible to participate in Therapeutic trials. Further, upon proceeding to the Workbench, a physician might have been assigned permission to complete an online participant randomization, but not to submit online study forms.

The administration of Web users and their passwords within the Group will be the responsibility of Web User Administrators local to each data management institution. Web User Administrators will be able to add new Web users, reassign forgotten passwords for current Web users, and deactivate old Web users. Web User Administrators will not be able to assign Roster ID numbers or to associate users with a given institution, requests which will need to be processed by the Operations Office. This process should sound familiar to those currently using WebReg and has already been implemented for all Study Sites participating in SELECT.

As always, please feel free to contact the Operations Office or the Statistical Center for help at any time.

From the Desk of —
Dr. Saul Rivkin, Chair
Clinical Practices Committee

Please join us at the Clinical Practices Committee meeting —
Friday April 19, 2002
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Our topics with include the latest legislative & ASCO updates.

We will also have a great speaker lineup with further discussion regarding another economic study analysis in the Southwest Oncology Group. Hope to see everyone there!!

Report of Studies — On the Internet and at the Group Meeting

The Report of Studies (ROS) will be available at the Group Meeting Registration/Information Desk during the Spring 2002 Group Meeting in Dallas, Texas, scheduled Wednesday, April 17, through Sunday, April 21, 2002. April 18, 2002, will be the first day the Reports will be available for pickup at the desk. The Desk schedule can be found in the Group Meeting Schedule.

Continuing our efforts to reduce costs associated with distribution of printed materials, the entire Report will be posted on the Group’s website at: http://swog.org. The password protected ROS is in Acrobat Reader PDF format that can be downloaded, viewed and printed for reference at your convenience. (All Reports dating back to 1984 are in PDF format and available for web access.)

You can lighten your load considerably while at the Group Meeting by utilizing the web version of the Report of Studies. Before you leave for the Group Meeting, print just those pages that are relevant to your meeting activities and carry them with you to the Meeting.

Please note that while copies of the Report of Studies will continue to be distributed at the Southwest Oncology Group Meetings, bound and unbound copies will no longer be mailed to institutions prior to each Meeting.
Don’t Miss This...

Southwest Oncology Group
Cancer Control Research Committee (CCRC)
— OPEN MEETING —
Saturday, April 20, 2002 — 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion, Dallas, Texas

— KEYNOTE ADDRESS —
“Establishing Networks of Gynecologists, Gastroenterologists, Urologists and Dermatologists for Cancer Chemoprevention Trials in the Southwest Oncology Group — What I Want to Do When I Grow Up”
by
David S. Alberts, MD
Director, Cancer Prevention and Control, Arizona Cancer Center

also featuring
The Harry E. Hynes CCOP Symposium
“The CCOPs, NCI, and SELECT”
with presentations by
Lori M. Minasian, MD
Chief of NCI DCP Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group
James R. Marshall, PhD
S9917 Study Coordinator

and an Interactive Panel Discussion by CCOP Investigators on “Successful Accrual Methodologies for SELECT”

CCCR Behavioral & Health Outcomes (BAHO) Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2001 — 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

“Decision Aids in Clinical Treatment Decision-Making”
by
Laura Siminoff, PhD
Professor of Health Services at Case Western Reserve

Southwest Oncology Group 2002 Spring Group Meeting
April 17 - 21, 2002 — Dallas, Texas

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Statistical Center Staff News

The SELECT Statistical Center welcomes four new additions to the Data Operations Department.

Jennifer Farrell is a new Data Coordinator and joined the staff in January. She has experience as a Clinical Trials Assistant with a biotechnology company.

In November, Ginnie Bauman joined the SELECT team as a Data Control Technician. She has eleven years of experience in the insurance industry and a degree in early childhood education.

Our newest Data Control Technicians are Alex Ortiz and Michelle Marrah. Alex recently traveled through Asia and Europe and speaks French, some Japanese and Spanish. Michelle has administrative assistant experience and also speaks Spanish.

Also joining the Statistical Center as Administrative Assistant is Kent Harris. Kent comes to SELECT with administrative and technical support experience for a medical consulting group.

— HOLIDAY SCHEDULE —

Statistical Center
Presidents Day, Monday, February 18, 2002
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2002
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2002

CRAB, SELECT, and the Data Management Offices at CRAB
All of the above listed holidays PLUS
Day after Independence Day, Friday, July 5, 2002

Operations Office
Battle of Flowers, Friday, April 26, 2002
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2002
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2002

Clinical Research Associate Manual Updates

The latest CRA manual updates have been posted on the web and are available at:
http://www.swogstat.org/crab/CRAmanual/vol2/updates.htm

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(If you are unable to register on-line, turn to the last page of this newsletter for FAX registration form.)
The SELECT Workshop and Poster Session covers a wealth of important information to ensure the success of the trial. To avoid the rush picking up your Workshop materials the morning of the Workshop, we will have an “Early Bird” SELECT Check-In Desk available on Tuesday evening, April 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Southwest Oncology Group Staff will also be available to give Workbench demonstrations near the Check-In Desk at that time.

Workshop Agenda and Poster Session Topics ---- Page 17
Registration & Information ------------------------- http://swog.org/visitors/meetings.asp

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Registration for the Southwest Oncology Group Meeting, including the SELECT Workshop and Poster Session, begins on Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Fax registrations for the SELECT Workshop and Poster Session will not be accepted, so please register via the Southwest Oncology Group Web Site. Go to http://swog.org and click on the “Meetings & Training” link.

- A maximum of 440 registrants will be accepted for the SELECT Workshop and Poster Session, so please register early to ensure that you attend.

- On-site registrations for the SELECT Workshop and Poster Session will not be accepted.

- One staff member from each SELECT Study Center and Site will be reimbursed for attending the Workshop and Poster Session. This staff member is referred to as the “designated attendee.” If you have questions concerning designated attendees or funding and reimbursement, please call Marjorie A. Godfrey at the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office at 210-677-8808.

- If you register by March 22, you will be mailed a Southwest Oncology Group Meeting packet with a nametag that should be worn to all Group Meeting sessions, including the SELECT Workshop and Poster Session. (If you register after March 22, your Group Meeting packet and nametag will be available at the Southwest Oncology Group Meeting Registration/Information Desk.)

- If you would like to participate in the Study Site Materials table at the Poster Session, please give your items to a Southwest Oncology Group staff member at the SELECT Check-In Desk. A table will be set up during the Poster Session to display these items. This will give attendees the opportunity to share what has been developed at your Study Center/Site. Please make sure to include your Study Center/Site identification on the items. These items will not be returned to you.

- The temperature in the meeting rooms can be cold. It is suggested that you bring a jacket or sweater for your comfort.

Food & Beverage Service Information—
SELECT “Early Bird” Check-In — Tuesday, April 16 (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.): No food or beverage service provided
SELECT Workshop — Wednesday, April 17:
- SELECT Check-in (6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.): Assorted pastries, coffee and tea
- Morning Break: Coffee and tea
- Lunch: On your own
- Afternoon Breakout Sessions: Coffee and soda
SELECT Poster Session — Thursday, April 18 (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.): No food or beverage service provided

Turn to page 17 in this newsletter for complete information about the SELECT Workshop & Poster Session.
Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT) — WORKSHOP AND POSTER SESSION —
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion in Dallas, Texas
Wednesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 18, 2002

Preliminary Agenda
(please note that this agenda is subject to change)

Tuesday Evening, April 16 — “Early Bird” Check In & Workbench Demonstrations:
♦ SELECT “Early Bird” Check-In & Workbench Demonstrations: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
♦ ALL STAFF FROM SELECT CENTERS/SITES can check in at this time. We strongly encourage new SELECT Staff to attend the Workbench Demonstrations.

Wednesday, April 17 — SELECT WORKSHOP and BREAK OUT SESSIONS:
♦ New Staff Check-In: 6:30 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.  ♦ General Staff Check-In: 7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
(Those attending the New Staff Session may check in the night before or Wednesday morning from 6:30 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. Those not attending the New Staff Session should check in Wednesday morning from 7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.)

Topics for New Staff Session (7:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.)
• Southwest Oncology Group Overview
• SELECT Overview
• Workbench Basics
• Study Forms Completion and Submission

Topics for General Session (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)
• Source documentation & Audits
• Eligibility Issues and SELECT Protocol
• Family History & Participant Completed Form
• Randomization Basics
• Scientific Issues Affecting SELECT
• NCI Update
• Follow-up Visits

Topics for Breakout Sessions (1:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
• General and Minority Recruitment & Adherence
• Workbench “Hands on”
• Administrative Issues (Funding & Reimbursement, Informed Consent Issues, Protocol, etc.)
• Specimen Collection
• Alzheimer’s Disease Study (PREADVISE)
• SELECT 101 (Study Site examples of source documents, office set up, etc.)
• Reports Page of the Workbench (What’s new)
• Recruitment & Adherence
• Funding & Reimbursement Updates
• Workbench Reports
• Study Sites Recruitment & Adherence Materials
• Supplements and Graduated Cylinder Demonstrations
• NCI Update
• Follow-up Visits

Breakout sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis. Each room will accommodate approximately 125 people, so if a session is full, you will be asked to attend another session. Each breakout session will last approximately 45 minutes and will be repeated at least once during the afternoon.

Thursday, April 18 — SELECT POSTER SESSION: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
This is a great opportunity to ask questions of Southwest Oncology Group staff members, as well as SELECT staff and Committee members, who will accompany each poster. We encourage all SELECT staff members to attend the poster session as it provides one-on-one time with the SELECT Staff.
Please bring one copy of any recruitment and adherence item(s) developed at your SELECT Study Center/Site and give it to a staff member at the SELECT Check-In Desk. A table will be set up during the Poster Session to display these items. This will give attendees the opportunity to share recruitment & adherence strategies.
Please put your Study Center/Site identification on the item. These items will not be returned.

SELECT Poster Topics (tentative)
• Recruitment & Adherence
• Adverse Events Documentation & Reporting
• Health Related Quality of Life
• Specimen Collection & Submission
• Alzheimer’s Ancillary Study (PREADVISE)
• Workbench Reports

Other Poster Session Features
• Workbench Demonstrations (No live connection)
• Study Sites Recruitment & Adherence Materials
• Supplements and Graduated Cylinder Demonstrations
• Specimen Collection and Submission Item Demonstrations

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CLINICAL TRIALS TRAINING COURSE (CTTC)

For Southwest Oncology Group Clinical Research Associates

Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion — Dallas, Texas
Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18, 2002

Who should attend?
- New SWOG Clinical Research Associate (CRA) (past 12 months)
- SWOG CRA who never attended the course
- Senior SWOG CRA wanting to brush up skills

CTTC important goals:
- To introduce fundamentals of Southwest Oncology Group and National Cancer Institute (NCI) policies and procedures.
- To provide foundation to efficiently perform your responsibilities as a CRA.
  (The course includes a practicum session with demos and hands-on practice).

Cost:
- Thanks to a generous grant provided by The Hope Foundation and Roche Pharmaceuticals, Southwest Oncology Group members are not charged a registration fee for this course.
- Non-group members must contact the Southwest Oncology Group Data Operations Center (206-652-2267) for space availability and fee.

Important:
- REGISTER EARLY! Space is strictly limited to 115 participants. Sign up early for this very popular course.
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Wednesday, April 3, 2002 (or, until class limit of 115 is met).
- Participants must attend the entire course to receive a certificate of completion.
- Registration to concurrent workshops is not permitted.

Please refer to the course agenda on page 19 in this newsletter for the course content.

Please contact the Southwest Oncology Group Data Operations Center at (206) 652-2267 with questions specific only to the CTTC.

Clinical Trials Training Course (CTTC) Agenda------Page 19.
**AGENDA**
(Please note that this agenda is subject to change)

**CLINICAL TRIALS TRAINING COURSE (CTTC)**
*For Southwest Oncology Group Clinical Research Associates*

Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion — Dallas, Texas
Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18, 2002

**WEDNESDAY April 17, 2002**

7:00 - 7:55 Registration
7:55 - 8:05 Introduction
8:05 - 8:30 The Cooperative Group Concept
8:30 - 9:00 Clinical Trials and Protocol Development
9:00 - 9:25 Data Flow
9:25 - 9:40 The Expectation Report
9:40 - 9:55 — **BREAK** —
9:55 - 10:25 Long Term Follow-up
10:25 - 10:50 Toxicity Reporting
10:50 - 11:10 Pathology and Specimen Submission
11:10 - 11:45 Q&A Session
11:45 - 1:15 — **LUNCH** — (on your own)
1:15 - 5:00 Practicum Session
(Includes Patient Registration Process and Demo of Web Registrations)

**THURSDAY April 18, 2002**

7:45 - 8:20 Scientific Challenges and the Role of the CRA
8:20 - 9:00 Ethics in the Conduct of Clinical Research
9:00 - 9:25 Audits
9:25 - 9:55 Adverse Events
9:55 - 10:10 — **BREAK** —
10:10 - 10:35 Drug Ordering and Record Maintenance
10:35 - 11:05 The IRB and Informed Consent
11:05 - 11:30 Quality of Life Assessments
11:30 - 12:00 Q&A Session
12:00 Closing & Distribution of Certificates

1:00 - 4:00 Clinical Research Associates Plenary Session
4:15 - 6:00 Clinical Research Associates Open Forum
6:00 - 7:00 Nurse Oncologist & Clinical Research Associates Hospitality Reception

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Southwest Oncology Group
— PROSTATE CANCER PREVENTION TRIAL (PCPT) WORKSHOP —
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion in Dallas, Texas
Thursday, April 18, 2002
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  New Staff Training  —  9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  All Staff Training

The Spring 2002 Workshop will provide training for all PCPT research staff as well as an early morning special session for staff who have joined PCPT within the past year.

The New Staff Training will begin at 7:30 a.m. This roundtable session will provide newer research staff with training related to PCPT “On and Off” treatment procedures, including follow-up guidelines, PSA reporting, pathology submission and forms completion.

The All Staff Training, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will focus on current PCPT data management issues such as the end-of-study data submission requirements, the Extended Follow-up study and resolving data discrepancies.

There will also be time set aside to provide PCPT research and site staff with the opportunity to share their experiences and address questions to the Statistical Center staff.

You may register for this program On-Line NOW, or submit the FAX registration form found on page 27!

Clinical Research Associates Committee
Continuing Education Workshop
Southwest Oncology Group  2002 Spring Group Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2002 — 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion, Dallas, Texas

— BREAST CANCER —

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Continuing Education Workshop to be held in Dallas. The program promises to be an exciting one featuring the topic of “Breast Cancer.” There are a lot of new and exciting advances in research and treatment of this disease. Although the agenda is not finalized, the presentations will focus on diagnosis, surgery, treatment and possibly reconstructive surgery. This program is certain to be of interest to everyone. Please sign up early for this exciting and ever-changing subject!

There is a $50.00 Fee for this Workshop.  Mail payment to:
Meetings Planner
Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office
14980 Omicron Drive
San Antonio, TX  78245-3217

SoCRA Continuing Education Credits will be provided.

— You may register for this program On-Line NOW!  Or, use the FAX form provided with this newsletter. —

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Clinical Research Associates Committee

Southwest Oncology Group 2002 Spring Group Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2002 — 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion, Dallas, Texas

This Program is being presented in response to YOUR requests. Don’t miss it!

1:00 - 1:15    Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center Update
1:15 - 1:45    Surviving Breast Cancer — What’s Next?
1:45 - 2:15    Dealing With A Diagnosis of Breast Cancer
2:15 - 2:30    Clinical Research Associate Committee Business Meeting
2:30 - 2:45    — Break —
2:45 - 3:15    Surviving Prostate Cancer - A Man’s Point of View
3:15 - 4:00    Reconstructive Surgery After a Mastectomy

NOTE: Pre-Registration NOT required for this Program.

CRA’s Take Note:

DESPERATELY NEEDING DISEASE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES!!!

CRA representatives are needed for the following committees: Leukemia, Pharmacy, Surgery, Stem Cell /Transplant, Immunomolecular Therapeutics. This is a great opportunity for CRAs to get involved with the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG). If you have experience in participating in any of these types of studies, please contact Beth Davis at 510-204-3428 or by email at bdavis@salick.com.

Southwest Oncology Group
Clinical Research Associates Committee
— OPEN FORUM —
Thursday, April 18, 2002 • 4:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion
Dallas, Texas

Don’t miss this always fun, always informative, always interesting program!

The OPEN FORUM is dedicated to facilitating the performance of job duties and dealing with clinical trials in the most effective way. This is accomplished through the roundtable format by offering hints and suggestions that are helpful in finding solutions to your concerns.

The roundtables are set up to address specific topics of interest. A facilitator is seated at each table to address your needs. Rotation of tables occurs every 30 minutes, allowing you enough time to visit up to three tables. All you have to do is pick the topics and we provide the answers!

Past topics have ranged from “Time Management” and “Back to the Basics” to “Toxicities - What & When to Report.” We are excited about the Spring 2002 program and look forward to seeing you then!
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STUDY COORDINATORS WORKSHOP (SCWS)

— For Physician Investigators Planning to Conduct a Southwest Oncology Group Trial —

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STUDY COORDINATORS WORKSHOP (SCWS)

— For Physician Investigators Planning to Conduct a Southwest Oncology Group Trial —

Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion
Dallas, Texas
Thursday, April 18, 2002
12:00 noon – 4:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Coffee, sodas and snacks will be available; lunch will not be provided.)

-- Tentative Agenda--
(please note that this agenda is subject to change)

12:00-12:30 Check In

12:30-12:45 Introduction / Role of a Study Coordinator
John J. Crowley, Ph.D.
Director, Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center

12:45-1:20 Ethics in the Conduct of Clinical Research
Charles A. Coltman, Jr., M.D.
Chairman, Southwest Oncology Group

1:20-1:55 Protocol Development
Dana B. Sparks, M.A.T
Protocol Product Line Manager, Southwest Oncology Group

1:55-2:05 Study Coordinator Responsibilities
Diana K. Lowry, B.A.
Data Operations Manager, Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center

2:05-2:15 —— Break ——

2:15-2:35 Reality Session: Lessons from a Current Study Coordinator
Peter M. Ravdin, Ph.D., M.D.
Executive Officer, Southwest Oncology Group

2:35-3:00 Statistical Considerations
Kenneth J. Kopecky, Ph.D.
Biostatistics, Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center

3:00-4:30 Practicum Session
Geoffrey R. Weiss, M.D. (assisted by Statistical Center Faculty and Staff)
Associate Executive Officer, Southwest Oncology Group

— You may register for this program On-Line NOW! 
Or, use the FAX form provided with this newsletter. —
Southwest Oncology Group
Nurse Oncologist Committee
—WORKSHOP—
Friday, April 19, 2002 • 6:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion, Dallas, Texas

REGISTRATION FEE: $25.00

Registration 6:45 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. • New SWOG Nurse Orientation 7:45 - 8:00 a.m.
Program 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

— Conducting QOL Studies in the Cooperative Group Setting —

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Tulane University Health Sciences Center Cancer Center

Siu-Fun Wong, PharmD
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy

*Certificates for CEUs will be distributed to attendees upon completion and return of evaluations. CEUs are provided by the Oncology Nursing Society, accredited to approve continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

— Afternoon Nurse Oncologist Special Sessions —

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NOTE!  DATE CHANGE!
To accommodate our meeting requirements with the addition of SELECT, the Hotel requested we move the dates by one day. The new dates for the Fall 2002 Group Meeting in San Antonio are as follows:

THURSDAY - MONDAY
October 24-28, 2002
Hyatt Regency San Antonio on the Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

GROUP MEETING Dates 2002 and 2003

2002

Wednesday - Sunday
April 17-21, 2002
Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion
Dallas, Texas

2003

Wednesday - Sunday
April 9-13, 2003
Hyatt Regency San Diego
San Diego, California

Wednesday - Sunday
October 1-5, 2003
Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers
Seattle, Washington

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Corporate Travel Planners at 1-800-810-2695
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CST
Request the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) Meeting Registration Desk
Also, you may email: rwestbrook@ctpi.org
— OR —
American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at 1-800-433-1790
Request Discount STAR #A5042AQ

NOTE: $20 Service fee for each ticket purchased.
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COME ON... LET’S RUN!   LET’S WALK!   LET’S GET MOVING!

“Crush the Crab” 5K RUN and FITNESS WALK

When: Saturday, April 20, 2002
Where: Meet in the Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion Lobby to board bus transportation
Walk Time: 6:00 a.m. (depart Hotel)
Entry Fee: NO ENTRY FEE! ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN WAIVED!

Walk and Run Participants will receive a free tee-shirt

The “Crush the Crab” 5K Run and the Fitness Walk are planned for Saturday morning, April 20, 2002. Both events will energize you and prepare you for your full meeting schedules. The 5K Run and Fitness Walk will be held at beautiful White Rock Lake in Dallas. Participants will be taken to the location and returned to the Hotel in time to attend the Group Meeting Plenary Session.

The “Crush the Crab” 5K Run, features First-, Second-, and Third-Place trophies awarded to the first three men and first three women to cross the Finish line in the following age categories: 39 & Under, 40 to 49, and 50 & Over. PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for trophies is extended ONLY to those individuals who are registered members of the Southwest Oncology Group, or registered Group Meeting attendees, or individuals affiliated with the Group, and to their family members.

The Fitness Walk is a non-competitive event.

Runners and Walkers: Please come by the Group Meeting Registration/Information Desk at the hotel to sign a Consent Form and pick up a race/walk number which will be needed in order to board the bus on Saturday morning. The FREE tee-shirts will be distributed at the site of the Run/Walk.

— Model CONSENT AND RELEASE - Crush the Crab 5K Run and Fitness Walk —

In consideration of my participation in the Crush the Crab 5K Run, on behalf of myself, my heirs, legatees, personal representatives and all those claiming by or through me, I consent to, and do hereby discharge and release and forever hold harmless the Southwest Oncology Group; the Hyatt Regency Dallas Reunion; DH Sports; and the City of Dallas, Texas; and their affiliates, agents, servants, employees, successors, and heirs and any facility at which events are held, from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, or expenses for personal and bodily injury (including death) and property loss or damage of whatever the nature or cause, incurred by me or arising out of or in any way in conjunction with my participation in the aforementioned competition.

I agree that any photographs taken of me are the Southwest Oncology Group’s property and I waive any right of inspection or review. I am of legal age and capacity and have read and understand the content of this Consent and Release.

Register on-line or complete the FAX/mail Group Meeting registration form that is part of this newsletter. You must come to the Meeting Registration/Information Desk before the day of the event (before Saturday) to complete and sign a Consent and Release Form and pick up a Run/Race number before you may board the bus.

It’s Quick & E-Z! On-Line GROUP MEETING Registration & HOTEL Reservations!
http://swog.org/visitors/meetings.asp

(If you are unable to register on-line, turn to the last page of this newsletter for FAX registration form.)
SPRING 2002 Southwest Oncology Group Meeting
Fax or Mail Registration Form

Registration packages with name tags will be mailed to all registrants three weeks prior to the Group Meeting. Registration Forms received in the Operations Office after Friday, March 22, 2002, will be processed at the Registration Desk at the Meeting. Please let the Meetings Planner in the Operations Office know if you have disabilities requiring special accommodations so that appropriate arrangements can be made with the Hotel.

— Check ALL that apply. Fees noted where applicable. —

SPRING 2002 GROUP MEETING

Workshops—Training Courses—Other Events

NOTE: Please review program dates and times to avoid registering for overlapping events!

SELECT Workshop (Wed. April 17) & SELECT Poster Session (Thu. April 18) ON-LINE ONLY!

ON-LINE Registration is available for all events listed below. If you wish to register by FAX or Mail, check the appropriate boxes and provide ALL information requested in the sections below:

☐ Clinical Trials Training Course (CTTC) (Wednesday, April 17 & Thursday, April 18)
☐ Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial (PCPT) Workshop (Thursday, April 18)
☐ Study Coordinators Workshop (Thursday, April 18) Please provide DISEASE SITE SPECIALTY (i.e., type of protocol you plan to coordinate): ☐ Solid Tumor ☐ Leukemia ☐ Lymphoma ☐ Myeloma
☐ Clinical Research Associates Committee Continuing Education Workshop on BREAST CANCER (Thursday, April 18) There is a $50.00 Fee for this Workshop. Make check payable to SWOG and Mail payment to: Meetings Planner, Southwest Oncology Group, Operations Office, 14980 Omicron Drive, San Antonio, TX 78245-3217.
☐ Nurse Oncologist Workshop: “Conducting QOL Studies in the Cooperative Group Setting” (Friday, April 19) There is a $25.00 Fee for this Workshop. Make check payable to SWOG and mail payment to: Meetings Planner, Southwest Oncology Group, Operations Office, 14980 Omicron Drive, San Antonio, TX 78245-3217.
☐ “Crush the Crab” 5K Run (Saturday, April 20) Participants receive a FREE tee-shirt.
PLEA Complete: ☐ Male ☐ Female AGE RANGE: ☐ 39 & Under ☐ 40 - 49 ☐ 50 & Over
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PLEASE COMPLETE:

Your SWOG Roster ID# ______________________
(Your ID# is in the SWOG Roster on the Web. We will issue ID# if you do not have one.)

First Name M.I. Last Name Jr., III, etc. Professional Title (M.D., etc.)

Specialty Institution

Street Address

City State ZIP

Phone FAX E-Mail Address

PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☐ Investigator ☐ CRA ☐ RN ☐ NCI ☐ Pharmaceutical Representative ☐ Guest

Complete this form and FAX or Mail to the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office
FAX: 210-518-9505 MAIL: 14980 Omicron Drive, San Antonio, TX 78245-3217