

Chicago Specials

Fall Group Meeting

OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2026



Palliative Care Committee

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Leadership

Co-Chairs: Robert S. Krouse, MD
 Marie Bakitas, DNSc, CRNP

Time/Location

Friday, October 9, 2026 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 Room: Regency A (Ballroom Level)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions: Drs. Krouse and Bakitas

2. Committee Liaison Updates:

- Executive Officer: Virginia Sun, PhD
- Patient Advocates: Valerie Fraser and Lee Jones
- ORP Liaison: Shirley Sui

3. Updates on Studies:

Active Studies

S1501, "A Prospective Observational Cohort Study of Patients with Metastatic HER-2+ Breast Cancer at Risk of Cardiac Toxicity." Study Chairs: Justin Floyd, Monika Jacqueline Leja, Carol Fabian. Reopened 11/1/25

S2408, "A Randomized Phase III Blinded Trial of Lanreotide for the Prevention of Postoperative Pancreatic Fistula." Study Chairs: J. Sham, V. Pillarisetty, and R. Krouse. Activated: 2/14/25. Temporarily closed to accrual as of 3/16/26; reopening anticipated by the end of 2026

S2424CD, "Algorithm-Enabled Patients Activated in Cancer Care Through Teams (A-PACT) to Improve Goals of Care Communication for People with Cancer." Drs. Ravi B. Parikh, Manali Patel, and Christopher Manz.

Developing Studies

S2415 "Acupuncture to Decrease Symptom Burden in Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer." Study Chair: Heather Greenlee

Secondary Studies

S1316, "Prospective Comparative Effectiveness Trial for Malignant Bowel Obstruction." Study Chairs: Robert Krouse, J. Deneve. Activated: 3/9/15. Permanently Closed: 5/15/20

Jyotsana Parajuli Project Updates

- Development and Initial Validation of a Palliative Care Readiness Tool for Older Adults with Cancer (NIH/NIA R15 AG081886-01A1)

- Participation of Older Adults from Underrepresented Backgrounds in SWOG Clinical Trials (SWOG ChEER Program)

4. Overview / Introduction of Working Groups

Early Access and Community-Based Delivery Models Working Group
 Meeting time: TBD

Lead

PCC Committee Co-Chair: Marie Bakitas

Members

Concepts in process

De-Escalation and Quality of Life Driven Endpoints

Meeting time: Every other Tuesday, beginning 9/1, 12:00-1:00 pm CT

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GI Symptom Management and Supportive Care

Meeting time: Every other Friday, beginning 8/28, 10:00-11:00 am CT

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Discussion and next steps for concept development

5. Closing Remarks

Closed Studies

S1820, "A Randomized Phase II Trial of the Altering Intake, Managing Symptoms Intervention for Bowel Dysfunction in Rectal Cancer Survivors (AIMS-RC)." Study Chair: Virginia Sun. Activated: 12/9/19. Closed to Accrual as of 4/12/22. Permanently Closed: 4/12/22

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Publications

The publication papers listed below from 2026 have not appeared as published in previous Group Meeting publications listings. Accepted and submitted manuscripts are also listed, with the journal names withheld to honor journal embargo policies. Conference abstracts are not included.

Published/Accepted Manuscripts

S2408 Lanreotide for the prevention of postoperative pancreatic fistula (SWOG 2408): study protocol for a multicenter randomized controlled trial. Intara AS, Guthrie KA, Chauhan SSB, Arnold K, Topacio R, Carvalho K, Garcia A, Fraser V, Wright GP, Sun V, Ahmad SA, Rocha FG, Ecker BL, Reames BN, Karanickolas P, Krouse RS, Pillarisetty VG, Sham JG. Trials. Accepted 2026.

Submitted Manuscripts

None this cycle.

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Accrual from trials that are open as of 6/30/2026 or have closed in the prior 18 months, by Institution and Study

	<i>S1501</i>	<i>S2408</i>
Baptist Memorial Health Care/Mid South NCORP Consortium	7	-
CWRU Case Comprehensive Cancer Center LAPS	21	-
Cancer Research Consortium of West Michigan NCORP	-	8
Cancer Research for the Ozarks NCORP	11	-
City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center	53	-
Columbia University NCI Community Oncology Research Program	2	-
CommonSpirit Health Research Institute	1	-
Essentia Health NCI Community Oncology Research Program	-	1
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center LAPS	4	2
Georgia NCI Community Oncology Research Program	15	-
Gulf South Clinical Trials Network (Gulf South NCORP)	2	-
Heartland Cancer Research NCORP	18	4
Henry Ford Hospital	7	-
Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Neoplasicas	5	-
Kaiser Permanente NCI Community Oncology Research Program	1	-
King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre	3	-
Lahey Clinic	7	-
Loyola University Medical Center	9	-
MU Health Care Goldschmidt Cancer Center	5	-
Medical University of South Carolina NCORP Community Site	1	-
Michigan Cancer Research Consortium NCORP	12	-
Moffitt Cancer Center	39	3
Montana Cancer Consortium NCORP	1	-
NCORP of the Carolinas (Prisma Health NCORP)	2	-
National Cancer Center-Korea	2	-
Northwestern University LAPS	-	6
Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center LAPS	-	3
Oregon Health and Science University	1	-
Our Lady of the Lake Hospital	2	-
Regents of the University of Michigan	12	-
Southeast Clinical Oncology Research Consortium NCORP	2	-
The NCI Community Oncology Research Program: The New Mexico NCORP	12	-
The University of Kansas Cancer Centers- MCA Rural NCORP	7	-
UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center	-	5
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center LAPS	4	-
University of Alabama at Birmingham / Deep South Research Consortium LAPS	-	1
University of California Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center	2	-
University of Kentucky/Markey Cancer Center	-	8
University of Mississippi Medical Center	1	-
University of Nebraska Medical Center	-	2
Wayne State University/Karmanos Cancer Institute	6	-
Western States Cancer Research NCORP	2	-
Wisconsin NCI Community Oncology Research Program	-	5
ALLIANCE	40	5
ECOG-ACRIN	45	8
NRG	30	2
Total	394	63

