

ISOO INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of ORAL ONCOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the August 2016 edition of the ISOO Newsletter. Do you have an article or news that you would like to share? Please contact Allan, AHovan@bccancer.bc.ca

Dr. Allan Hovan (Editor, ISOO Newsletter)



MASCC/ISOO 2016 - Adelaide, Australia

Adelaide, Australia was the host city for the 2016 MASCC/ISOO meeting, held June 23-25, 2016 – the first time the meeting has been held outside of North America or Europe. It was a great time to meet again with colleagues from around the world to share the latest advances in supportive care in cancer.

The meeting was a huge success, attracting 1,070 registrants from over 50 countries. A pre-meeting half-day session for cancer patients was held on June 22nd and was extremely well-received. Workshops and parallel sessions were well-attended. A special thanks to the local organizing committee for all their efforts.

ISOO continues to grow and now has members from 42 countries. It was particularly satisfying to see ISOO members from Southeast Asia in attendance at the Adelaide meeting.

Plans are already in place for the 2017 meeting to be held June 22-24, 2017 in Washington, DC. Hope to see you all there!



ISOO Distinguished Service Awards

MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2016
Adelaide, Australia

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The ISOO Board established Distinguished Service Awards (DSAs) to recognize individuals who have provided meritorious service to our Society.

Dr. Doug Peterson and Dr. Mark Schubert were awarded the first two Distinguished Service Awards on Saturday, June 25th, 2016 in Adelaide, Australia by our ISOO President, Dr. Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis.



Left to right: Doug Peterson, ISOO President, Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis and Mark Schubert

Drs. Peterson and Schubert both have long and distinguished records of service to ISOO and were part of the initial Steering Committee for the creation of ISOO in 1985.

Doug served as the first President of ISOO from 1985-1987. Following his term as President, Doug then served as ISOO Liaison to the MASCC Board from 1998-2007.

Mark followed Doug as ISOO President from 1987-1989. In addition, he served for many years as the Co-Chair of the Mucositis Study Group, starting in 1998.

We can all agree that Doug and Mark are highly deserving of our inaugural awards.

If you would like to nominate an ISOO member for a future award, please go to the [ISOO website](#) under News to view the [Terms of Reference and nomination forms](#). DSAs will be awarded at the annual MASCC/ISOO meeting and the deadline for next year's award(s) will be March 31, 2017.



ISOO Board of Directors 2014-16, MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting

ISOO Board Report Highlights

- ISOO Board will consider financial support for the Oral Care Fact Sheets
- MASCC/ISOO membership drive will provide one year free membership to new members
- A mechanism has been established by which meetings may receive the endorsement of ISOO
- Contributions from ISOO members are welcome for both the ISOO newsletter and blog site
- Elections will be held in early 2017 for the new ISOO Board



Raj Lalla MASCC President-Elect

Dr. Raj Lalla was elected as MASCC President-Elect at the 2016 MASCC/ISOO meeting in Adelaide, Australia. Dr. Lalla will assume the MASCC Presidency in 2018. This will represent the first time an ISOO member will serve as MASCC President. Congratulations!



Oral Care Study Group (OCSG) 2016 Progress Report

Submitted by OCSG Chair (Debbie Saunders) and Co-Chair (Siri Beier Jensen)

- The multi-center, clinical, prospective study assessing oral complications in adult hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients (OraStem) and pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients (PedOraStem) led by Inger von Bültzingslöwen and Mike Brennan is progressing well. For the adult OraStem study, seven centers have enrolled patients. A preliminary report on the first 81 patients was presented in Adelaide. The goal is to enroll 238 patients. For the pediatric OraStem study, four centers have enrolled patients or are in planning phase. Site visits have been carried out at three of the four centers and the fourth is planned to take place soon.
- A joint project of the OCSG (headed by Sharon Elad) and the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) Group (represented by Barry Quinn and Arno Mark) has developed guidelines to medical/clinical staff in providing oral care for patients treated with stem cell transplantation. This collaboration has resulted in a published position paper to be launched by representatives from each of our organisations.
- ISOO president Richard Logan gave an invited talk on the position paper at the EBMT annual meeting 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- A paper was published on the clinical approach in the management of oral chronic graft-versus host disease by Sharon Elad.
- A project on clinical standards of care in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of chemoradiotherapy-induced dysphagia in H&N cancer patients, based on an electronic survey from the Dysphagia Section of the OCSG, is in the final phase of manuscript publication. This project has been headed by Paolo Bossi, Barbara Murphy and Elvio Russi.
- The systematic review updates and outcome measures project is well under way. Three sections have finished reviewing papers and the data is currently under statistical preparation. The other seven sections are completing their reviews.
- The OCSG chairing group has worked with ASCO representatives on joint endorsement of the clinical management guidelines. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between ASCO and MASCC/ISOO.
- An ONJ guideline committee has been developed and dissemination of joint guidelines on ONJ is expected this summer.
- The OCSG and ISOO have endorsed 4 patient care fact sheets developed at the Northeast Cancer Centre in Sudbury, Canada. These fact sheets outline Oral care in Chemotherapy, Pre-XRT, During XRT and Post-XRT. These fact sheets have been validated and translated into 21 languages. These will serve as a valuable ISOO member benefit. Production into downloadable videos on oral care is in progress and the first of these videos was shown at the Adelaide meeting.
- A call will go out in the Fall 2016 for a new OCSG Chair and Co-Chair as the terms of our incumbents (Debbie Saunders and Siri Beier Jensen) are coming to an end in 2017. Interested persons should submit applications.
- Planning is underway for the OCSG parallel session at the Washington DC meeting in 2017
- OCSG continues to thrive based on its collaborations with many international groups including ASCO, NCI, CAHD, ICD, IAEO and others. In addition, collaborative research has been initiated within the OCSG itself such as the prospective trial currently underway evaluating the benefits of HBO in post-radiotherapy dental extractions.



Debbie Saunders



Siri Beier Jensen

CALL FOR ORAL CARE STUDY GROUP LEADERSHIP

The terms of our current Oral Care Study Group Chair and Co-Chair, Debbie Saunders and Siri Beier-Jensen, expire in June 2017. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to fill these vacancies. The term is for 3 years.

If interested, please submit your name to either Debbie, Siri or Ourania for consideration. All appointments are formalized by the ISOO Board. Thank you for considering how you can contribute more significantly to the great work of our Society.

Systematic Review and Patient Fact Sheet Update - 2016

As many of you are likely aware, the Oral Care Study Group has completed and published systematic reviews of the most common oral side effects of cancer therapy. The challenge now is to keep the reviews current. In this light, we are looking to review the most recent literature to see if any changes need to be incorporated into our guidelines. Currently the groups actively looking for reviewers includes: **Xerostomia, Trismus, Dysphagia and Pediatrics**. The other groups will be looking for reviewers as they go to update in the future.

In addition, the Oral Care Study Group is proud to announce that the **Patient Fact Sheets on Oral Care Pre-Radiotherapy, During Radiotherapy, Post-Radiotherapy as well as During Chemotherapy** will be posted on the ISOO portal and ready for download by September 2016. In addition, we will be looking to develop Patient Fact Sheets on (i) Oral care Post Stem Cell Transplant (ii) Late Effects of Head & Neck Radiotherapy and (iii) Palliative Oral Care. Please contact Debbie Saunders at dsaunders@hsnsudbury.ca if you would like to help with the Fact Sheets.

If you are interested in helping with the systematic reviews, here is a list of the Section Heads so that you can contact them directly to express your interest. This is an ambitious, ongoing project – and we could certainly use your help!

Osteonecrosis of the Jaw – Noam Yarom and Rui Mendes, noamyar@post.tau.ac.il; rui.amaralmendes@case.edu

Trismus – Debbie Saunders, dsaunders@hsnsudbury.ca

Xerostomia – Siri Beier-Jensen, siri@dent.au.dk

Dysgeusia – Allan Hovan and Anna Boltong, ahovan@bccancer.bc.ca; anna.boltong@cancervic.org.au

Dysphagia – Paolo Bossi and Barbara Murphy, paolo.bossi@istitutotumori.mi.it; barbara.murphy@vanderbilt.edu

Viral – Sharon Elad, selad@urmc.rochester.edu

Fungal – Raj Lalla, lalla@uhc.edu

Oral Pain – Richard Logan and Joel Epstein, richard.logan@adelaide.edu.au; joel_epstein@hotmail.com

Dental Disease – Catherine Hong, denchhl@nus.edu.sg

Pediatric – Cherry Estilo and Alessandra Majorana, estiloc@mskcc.org; majoranan@med.unibs.it

Upcoming Meetings

HELLENIC SOCIETY OF HEAD AND NECK CANCER

1st Congress on Head & Neck Cancer

with International Participation

30 September - 02 October 2016

Athens

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Oct 1, 2016
 5th Annual Meeting of Oral Oncology
 Athens Greece <http://www.oraloncology.gr>

Sept 30-Oct 2, 2016
 First Congress on Head and Neck Cancer
 Athens Greece <http://headneckcancer.gr/en/>

• www.oraloncology.gr

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5th Annual Meeting of Oral Oncology

Ετήσια Επιστημονική Ημερίδα Ογκολογίας Στόματος

Σάββατο 1st Saturday
 Οκτωβρίου 2016 October 2016

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Announcing the Mucositis Guidelines Update

Couldn't make it to the Mucositis SG Business Meeting in Adelaide? Don't worry...we're bringing Adelaide to you!

We are excited to announce the start of the update for "[Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Mucositis](#)."

How can you get involved?

As a MSG member you have the unique opportunity to contribute in multiple ways:

1. Join the Literature Review – Be a reviewer!

Be a reviewer for one or more topics of your interest from the following sections:

1. Basic Oral Care / Good Clinical Practice
2. Growth Factors & Cytokines
3. Anti-Inflammatory Agents
4. Antimicrobials, Coating, Anesthetics, Analgesics
5. Lasers & other Light Therapy
6. Natural Therapies & miscellaneous
7. Cryotherapy
8. GI Mucositis
9. Pathogenesis / Risk Prediction.

Please note that these sections are subject to change during the initial stages of the review while we are assessing the results of the complete literature search. We will do our best to accommodate members in their requested study sections. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met.

2. Identify Keywords - Participate in ensuring a meticulous literature search for the update!

We invite your suggestions for keywords. We will be enlisting the support of a medical librarian during this phase of the review. The list of keywords that were used in the previous mucositis guidelines update as well as new keywords will be used to organize the new literature search.

In a few simple steps here's how you can be a part of this update:

To join as a reviewer:

1. Send us an email specifying your section of interest using the subject head "Join the mucositis guidelines update".
2. If you are not a MASCC/ISOO member, please visit the website: <http://www.mascc.org/join-renew>

To suggest keywords:

1. Send us an email with your keyword using the subject head "keywords for mucositis guidelines".
2. Specify to which of the following categories the suggested keyword conforms (see the list above).
3. Please avoid commercial names of intervention as much as possible.

Be sure to mention any **conflict of interest** that you may **have** in regard to interventions for mucositis if you wish to join as a reviewer or send in keywords. Please also mention if you **do not have** any conflict of interest.

Please send your email to us by the **end of August 2016** with the requested details to join as a reviewer and to suggest keywords.

To ensure that we receive your valuable emails, please send your email to mucositis@mascc.org

Sharon, Paolo and Karis,
Mucositis Study Group Chair and Vice-Chairs



Mucositis Study Group Chair, Sharon Elad

ecancer project on Osteonecrosis of the Jaw and Bone-Targeting Agents



ecancer, www.ecancer.org, is a global cancer education charity dedicated to providing equitable access to oncology research and is the leading non-profit educational platform for oncology professionals. ecancer publishes the non-profit, open-access, peer-reviewed Journal of the European Institute of Oncology (IEO) and the Organization of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). It currently hosts over 4000 videos and over 150 hours of e-learning modules.

The ONJ Project

The study will measure current levels of understanding amongst oncology professionals of the risks of developing osteonecrosis of the jaw for patients with bone metastases, when prescribed with

bone targeting agents (BTAs), denosumab (XGEVA®), zoledronate (Zometa®), or pamidronate (Aredia®) or generics.

We invite ISOO members from all European Countries to participate in this important Europe wide survey. Results from the study will be used to assess the effectiveness of e-learning educational programs in managing osteonecrosis of the jaw and will inform future pharmacovigilance needs in the European setting.

The survey is relevant for all European oncology professionals who (1) currently practice as an oncology specialist in the EU, Norway or Switzerland, (2) have treated more than 5 new or continuing adult patients with bone metastases from solid tumours in the last 3 months, and (3) have prescribed a bone targeting agent (BTAs) in the last 12 months,

The survey is online at <http://Bit.ly/ONJsurvey> and will only take you about four minutes to complete. Results will be fully anonymized and will be used to help create an open access e-learning module to improve management of this condition.

Everyone who takes part will be sent a copy of this important new resource. The module will be fully accredited and completing it counts towards your continued professional development. It will also be a superb teaching tool.

Thank you for your support with this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis (Chair, Bone Study Group)

Debbie Saunders (Chair, Oral Care Study Group)



ISOO President & MASCC Bone Study Group Chair, Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis



Meet ISOO Member, Tanya Rouleau

My name is Tanya Rouleau and I practice general dentistry and oral medicine in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where I have lived for the past year. My oral medicine practice is based on city-wide referrals from the dental and medical community. By working with one of the city's largest oral surgery clinics, I'm able to make a diagnosis of an oral cancer and expedite appropriate care. I also work at the Northeast Cancer Centre's Dental Oncology Clinic in Sudbury, Ontario.

I attended dental school at the University of Saskatchewan before completing a General Practice Residency and Oral Medicine Residency, both at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. I have been involved with the oral and dental aspects of cancer care since starting my residency training. As a member of ISOO for several years, I have attended conferences, served as co-editor of the ISOO newsletter, and taken part in many systematic reviews. I have most recently contributed to systematic reviews pertaining to dysgeusia, trismus, viral, and osteonecrosis.

In my spare time I like to travel with my husband Dale. We recently went on a trip of a lifetime to Bora Bora! I also enjoy hiking and camping. I also have a fur baby (cat) named Puma.