Southwest Oncology Group

2004 Spring Group Meeting
April 27-May 2, 2004
Huntington Beach, California
Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa

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The purpose of The Group Newsletter is to facilitate Group-wide communication. Articles are welcome; typed hard copy, computer disc and electronic transmission are acceptable formats for article submission. Please send articles to the Operations Office marked to the attention of Dee Daniel. Next publication date is May 2004. The deadline for receipt of articles in the Operations Office is Friday, MAY 7, 2004. ©Copyright 2004.
Cancer Control Research Committee

— 2004 Spring Group Meeting Program Notes —
Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa
April 27 - May 2, 2004

There’s a lot going on in cancer control and prevention with the CCRC leading the way!
Committee Chair Scott M. Lippman, MD, welcomes your attendance and participation in the Committee’s activities. Put these dates on your calendar now and look for complete details to come in the Group Meeting “Blue Book” that will be mailed with your Group Meeting registration confirmation packet.

Cancer Control Research Committee (CCRC)
— OPEN MEETING —
Thursday, April 29 - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Keynote Address TBA

also featuring
The Harry E. Hynes CCOP Symposium presenting another topic of great interest to the CCOPs, CCRC and Group Members

Also Don’t Miss...
CCRC Subcommittee Meetings...

Behavioral & Health Outcomes (BAHO)
Wednesday, April 28 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Molecular Epidemiology
Thursday, April 29 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Chemoprevention
Thursday, April 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Southwest Oncology Group  
“Young Investigators” Program - Spring 2004

The Southwest Oncology Group Young Investigators Training Course is designed to intensively prepare selected young investigators in the Southwest Oncology Group system for protocol development, maintenance, and administration in order to develop a cadre of experts to quickly and efficiently develop priority studies. For this training, young investigators are defined as oncology fellows in training or assistant professor equivalents affiliated with Group institutions or otherwise eligible for Group membership. Costs are covered by a generous donation from Ortho Biotech through the Hope Foundation.

Four physicians have been selected to participate in the Spring 2004 Young Investigators Training Course. Training will be held at the Operations Office in San Antonio March 1-4 and at the Statistical Center in Seattle March 22-25. Those attending are:

Sai-Hong Ignatius Ou, MD, PhD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California Irvine. Dr. Ou will work with the Head and Neck Committee in developing a protocol.

Syed A. Ahmad, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, The University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Dr. Ahmad’s interest is in gastrointestinal cancers.

Scott E. Smith, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Loyola University of Chicago, Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. Lymphoma is Dr. Smith’s area of interest and he will be developing a protocol through the Lymphoma Committee.

Kathie-Ann P. Joseph, MD, MPH, is a Clinical Instructor of Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Joseph’s focus is breast cancer.

The two weeks they will spend at the Group’s Operations Office and the Statistical Center are times of total immersion in every aspect of protocol development. The process begins with each Young Investigator producing a concept for a Southwest Oncology Group protocol. Then, as they make their way through an intensive simulation of the protocol development process they finish with a fully fleshed-out study that is presented to the respective disease committee chairs to consider for activation within the Group.

Since the first class of Young Investigators Training Course, in March 1999, twenty-three have graduated the program with 8 of their protocols having been activated.

Study Coordinators Workshop (SCWS) Scheduled for Spring 2004 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 SCWS is to provide the foundation necessary to perform your responsibilities as a Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator. The course is scheduled Thursday, April 29, with check-in 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 18 in this newsletter for the course agenda.

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

Please contact Camille White or Kathy Bingham at 206-652-2267 or Dana Sparks at 210-677-8808 with questions specific to the Study Coordinators Workshop.

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— FEBRUARY 2004 —
SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP PROTOCOL UPDATE

A Recap of Protocol Activity as Outlined in the December 01, 2003 — February 1, 2004, 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 12/01/03)

S0115. A Phase II Trial Evaluating Modified High Dose Melphalan (100 mg/m²) and Autologous Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Supported Transplantation (SCT) for High Risk Patients With Multiple Myeloma And/Or Light Chain Amyloidosis (AL Amyloidosis) (A BMT Study). Study Coordinators: Drs. V. Sanchorawala and D.C. Seldin. Activation, 01/01/04.


RT02. A Phase II/III Randomized Trial of Two Doses (Phase III-Standard vs. High) and Two High Dose Schedules (Phase II-Once vs. Twice Daily) for Delivering Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation for Patients with Limited Disease Small Cell Lung Cancer. Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator: Dr. Z. Goldberg. Activation, 01/01/04.

CLOSURES (NOTE: No Closures 12/01/03)

S9807. Repository for Paraffin Embedded Tissues From Patients With Recurrent or Metastatic Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck (SCCHN). Study Coordinator: Dr. W. Samlowski. Permanent Closure effective 2/15/04.


S0116. A Phase II Trial Evaluating Modified High Dose Melphalan (100 mg/m²) and Autologous Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Supported Transplantation (SCT) for High Risk Patients With Multiple Myeloma And/Or Light Chain Amyloidosis (AL Amyloidosis) (A BMT Study). Study Coordinators: Drs. V. Sanchorawala and D.C. Seldin. Permanent Closure effective 12/12/03.


N9841. A Randomized Phase III Equivalence Trial of Irinotecan (CPT-11) Versus Oxaliplatin (OXAL)/5-Flurouracil (5-FU)/Leucovorin (CF) in Patients with Advanced Colorectal Carcinoma Previously Treated with 5-FU. Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator: Dr. P.A. Philip. Permanent Closure effective 12/12/03.

CTSU Protocols Endorsed by the Southwest Oncology Group

Endorsed Studies indicate collaboration between the disease committees of the Endorsing Groups and the Group sponsoring the study. Enrollments are via the CTSU for those members who do not already have access to the study via affiliations with the sponsoring Group or participating InterGroups. These protocols were included in the December 1, 2003 — January 15, 2004 mailings.

CTSU/E3201. Intergroup Randomized Phase III Study of Postoperative Irinotecan, 5-FU and Leucovorin vs. Oxaliplatin, Leucovorin and 5-FU vs. 5-FU and Leucovorin for Patients with Stage II or III Rectal Cancer. Southwest Oncology Group Study Coordinator: Dr. R. Whitehead. Activation, 01/01/04.

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—— FEBRUARY 2004 ——
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 2004 Group Meeting in Huntington Beach, California. **The first day the ROS will be available for pickup at the desk is Thursday, April 29, 2004.** The daily hours of operation for the Registration Desk are in the Group Meeting Schedule.

In support of our efforts to reduce costs associated with distribution of printed materials, the entire Report is posted on the Group’s website at: [http://swog.org](http://swog.org). The password protected ROS is in Acrobat Reader PDF format. (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.**

New Member Nomination Deadline

The next deadline for submitting membership nominations to the Operations Office is **April 2, 2004**. 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
- 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](http://swog.org)). For your convenience, the Application for New Investigator Forms can be downloaded and printed.

Important News From the Statistical Center

Please be advised that the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center component of the Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center, located in Seattle, Washington, moved to the Fred Hutchinson Campus, effective February 9, 2004. Those who moved are most committee statisticians, all PCPT staff, and SELECT statisticians. The phone numbers remain the same.

**The new address for SWOG at FHCRC is:**
Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center
at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
1100 Fairview Avenue North M3-C102
P.O. Box 19024
Seattle, WA 98109-1024

**Please continue to submit all data to:**
Data Operations Office at CRAB
1730 Minor Avenue
Suite 1900
Seattle, WA 98101-1468

(See entire listing of Operations Office and Statistical Center Addresses on page 13.)
**Manuscripts Published**  
November 2003 — January 2004

The publications listed below are those that have been received in published form by the Operations Office Publication Specialist November 12, 2003, through January 29, 2004.

### Manuscripts

**8894**  

**8952**  

**9239**  

### Multiple Studies

**9008**  

**9239**  

### Abstracts

**9008**  

**9239**  

**9320**  

**9321**  

**9400**  

**S9911**  

### Multiple Studies

**Gene expression microarray analysis of de novo CD5+ diffuse large B cell lymphoma (LLMPP): a distinct entity?**  

### Multiple Studies

**Loss of MHC class II gene and protein expression in diffuse large B cell lymphoma is related to decreased tumor immunosurveillance and poor patient survival: a follow-up study to the NIH director’s challenge leukemia and lymphoma molecular profiling project (LLMPP).**  
L Rimsza, R Roberts, TM Miller, J
Manuscripts Published (Continued)

Unger, M; LeBlanc, R; Braziel, D; Weisenburger, WC; Chan, T; Greiner, K; Muller-Hermelink, E; Jaffe, RD; Gascoyne, E; Campo, D; Fuchs, C; Spier, R; Fisher, L; Staudt, T; Grogan. *Blood* 102(11):#1417, 2003.


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Komen Professor of Survivorship Award Recognizes Special Populations Chair

Committee on Special Populations Chair Kathy S. Albain, MD, was one of two recipients of the 2003 Komen Professor of Survivorship Award. During the formal presentation at the Komen Foundation annual meeting in Denver on February 8, 2004, Dr. Albain was lauded for her significant contribution to the field of breast cancer survivorship. The award, sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, was established in 1999 to honor and support research and education that focuses on survivorship and quality of life issues for breast cancer survivors, in particular long-term survivors. A maximum of two honorees are chosen each year by a committee of peers and survivors. The award includes a generous unrestricted research grant for the awardees to use at their discretion in order to enhance their breast cancer survivorship research and education. Dr. Albain was cited for her clinical research and patient care achievements at her local institution, as well as on the national and international fronts, with a special focus on her efforts leading the Southwest Oncology Group Committee on Special Populations.

Dr. Albain initiated and has chaired the Southwest Oncology Group Committee on Special Populations since 1991, when it was originally established as the Committee on Women’s Health. Under her leadership, this Committee evolved to its current role in the initiation and conduct of Group-wide research efforts in cancer survivorship and special populations, including women, ethnic minorities and older persons with cancer. The NIH recognized the CSP with an “Outstanding” score in the recent competitive renewal of the Southwest Oncology Group. In parallel, in 1994 Dr. Albain and colleagues within the CSP leadership developed and implemented an innovative program to include cancer survivors in the cooperative group process; this has evolved to the current Lay Advocates Committee. As a result, the expertise and unique insight of cancer survivors are incorporated into the treatment and cancer prevention research efforts of the Southwest Oncology Group.

In her remarks upon accepting the award, Dr. Albain stated that she was honored and humbled and that she owed much to the innovative and fruitful collaborations with her colleagues in the Southwest Oncology Group, in particular that of members of the CSP. She stated that partnership with survivors and their advocates “at the table” was critical in moving a successful research agenda forward. She also thanked Charles A. Coltman, Jr., M.D., Chair, Southwest Oncology Group; John J. Crowley, Ph.D., Director, Statistical Center; and Marjorie Godfrey, Director of Operations, for their collective vision and support in the evolution and activities of the CSP since 1991. Dr. Albain is Professor of Medicine at Loyola University Chicago Medical Center and has been a member of the Southwest Oncology Group since 1986.

Two other Southwest Oncology Group investigators are previous recipients of the Komen Professor of Survivorship Award – Patricia A. Ganz, MD, in 1999 and again in 2000; and Carolyn Cook Gotay, PhD, in 2001. This award is meaningful recognition of the dedicated efforts of Drs. Albain, Ganz, and Gotay in the innovation and support of survivorship research in the Southwest Oncology Group and in their treatment and care of breast cancer survivors.
CTSU Help Desk

The CTSU Help Desk is a service for Cooperative Group members, Clinical Site Investigators, and the general public wishing to contact CTSU by fax, telephone, or e-mail with requests for forms or with questions about CTSU operations and resources. The CTSU Help Desk strives to correctly answer all inquiries and respond to requests promptly, efficiently, and courteously.

Inquiries that arrive via calls to the toll-free Help Desk line (1-888-823-5923) or e-mail (CTSUContact@westat.com and CTSUWebmaster@westat.com) are answered by CTSU Help Desk staff members who are knowledgeable about all CTSU processes. Help Desk staff collaborate with other CTSU personnel who have expertise in specific areas. E-mails and phone calls are answered throughout the day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays.

Management and tracking of all inquiries is essential to evaluate the success of the CTSU Help Desk. A log of all incoming queries is maintained through a commercial help desk tracking system and database. This tracking system provides data regarding the frequency of contacts, types of contacts received, amount of time to resolve queries, date of contact receipt, contact information, and administrative information.

To assess the Help Desk performance, the CTSU Help Desk conducted two customer satisfaction surveys that were sent by e-mail to those who called over two separate two-week periods during 2003 summer and fall seasons. Overall, 90% of the responses were “very satisfied,” “somewhat satisfied,” or “neutral.” In cases of a less-than-favorable response given, it was determined that the issues were with the Regulatory Support System (RSS) current site registration status and was not specific to the CTSU Help Desk services. In addition to measuring satisfaction, the survey identified other educational needs. For example, as a result of the survey, a broadcast message was sent out reminding sites about the procedure for obtaining a Site Registration Status through RSS. To find this status, members can type in their NCI institution number and select criteria for a search. The procedure is found on the member side of the CTSU website (http://members.ctsu.org) under the Resources tab, which is under RSS Applications.

In order to appropriately recognize and respond to possible issues and concerns, weekly reports describing monthly call volume, subject classification, and incident status are generated by CTSU Help Desk staff and distributed via e-mail to relevant staff. Also, weekly management meetings are held to review operations, reports, and action items from previous meetings in order to monitor and improve the efficiency and response quality of the CTSU Help Desk.

Southwest Oncology Group Lead Studies Target/Current/CTSU Accruals and Site Registrations through the CTSU (as of 01/05/04)

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The above chart illustrates the target accrual for the study, the current accrual for the study, the CTSU accrual for the study, and the number of approved site registrations for all Southwest Oncology Group trials on the CTSU menu as of 01/05/04.

Southwest Oncology Group Endorsed Studies Target/Current/CTSU Accruals and Southwest Oncology Group Enrollments through CTSU (as of 01/05/04)

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The above chart illustrates the target accrual for the study, the current accrual for the study, the SWOG enrollment through the CTSU as of 9/26/03 for all SWOG endorsed studies.

For more information regarding the CTSU, please go to the CTSU website at www.ctsu.org, contact the CTSU help desk at 1-888-823-5923, or email the CTSU Help Desk at CTSUContact@westat.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STORMONT-VAIL HOSPITAL IN KANSAS WHICH HAS ENROLLED THE MOST PATIENTS (32) VIA THE CTSU OUT OF ALL THE SOUTHWEST ONCOLOGY GROUP SITES!
What Is the CRA Open Forum? Why Do I Want To Attend?

For those who are new to the Southwest Oncology Group, the CRA Open Forum provides an opportunity to meet one-on-one with facilitators knowledgeable about topics and issues relevant to Southwest Oncology Group CRAs. Table rotations occur every 20 minutes, allowing you to attend up to 5 rotations of your choice. You can attend one or all five rotations. New and experienced CRAs/RNs will find topics that are interesting and useful.

Previous Open Forums included the topics “Organizational Tips,” “Time Management Tools,” “Easy Steps to Run a Prostate Screening,” “Prostate Staging,” and “Surviving the IRB Process.”

Looking forward to the Spring 2004 Open Forum, representatives from the Clinical Trials Support Unit (CTSU) and the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) will be there to answer your questions. We will have tables where you can learn all about “Partners for Life,” “Computers Are Our Future,” “Show Me the Money,” and “CRA Workbench -- What’s New?” The standard tables will be there to give you updated information on things such as reporting SAEs and preparing for an audit. And, due to popular demand, the “Organizational Tips,” and “Time Management Tools” tables are scheduled.

As you can see, this very interactive and informative Open Forum is well worth attending. We look forward to seeing you in Huntington Beach at the Open Forum scheduled on the afternoon of Thursday, April 29, 2004, from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer as a facilitator, have a suggestion for a topic or have any ideas to improve the roundtables, please don’t hesitate to contact Dana Little or Linda Balla by e-mail. Dana can be reached at dana.little@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu. Linda can be reached at linda.balla@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.

Remember that this is your committee; it is through your participation and involvement that we will continue to flourish as professionals. Be sure to look in your registration packet for a full agenda of what we have in store for you. Thank you and we’ll see you soon in beautiful Huntington Beach!

Add To the Learning Experience at CRA Continuing Education Workshop — Be Part of the Poster Session!

“Show and Tell” … a game for kids you say? To the contrary! Adults benefit from this enrichment experience as well as children. The poster session offered in conjunction with the Southwest Oncology Group CRA Continuing Education Workshop is just such an experience. The Group meets semiannually to keep members abreast of the Group’s science and the Spring and Fall Meetings provide an opportunity for CRAs to participate by submitting posters relative to the main topic of the Continuing Education Workshop. The topics are typically decided from evaluations completed by participants from previous workshops.

CRAs are invited to present posters and receive ($100) reimbursement for their contributions. Up to four reimbursements are awarded per Group Meeting on a first-come-first-served basis. Posters are presented the day of the workshop usually in a foyer near the workshop meeting room. Along with the posters, handouts are developed which further discuss the submission. These handouts are especially useful as they make available a hard copy that participants can take back to their sites. The poster sessions provide an opportunity to network and share ideas with other CRAs from around the country. One goal of the Poster Committee is to make poster submissions more interactive and enhancing to the Continuing Education Workshop.

Guidelines and deadlines have been established for poster submissions. You say you’d like to do a poster but you don’t have a clue of the topic to choose? Information on this and other aspects of poster submissions may be obtained from Marilyn Turner, Poster Subcommittee Chair at (318) 675-7647 or e-mail at mturne5@lsuhsc.edu.

Head CRAs to Meet in Huntington Beach

A meeting of the Head CRAs will be held Friday, April 30, 2004, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum of communication among the Head Clinical Research Associates, Statistical Center and Operations Office staff.

This is a closed meeting. Head CRAs from Member institutions and Free-standing Affiliates are invited.
SoCRA CCRP Examination To Be Offered At Spring 2004 Group Meeting in Huntington Beach

The Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) offers a certification program for CRAs. 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 “CCRP” after their name.

The examination will be offered at the Spring 2004 Southwest Oncology Group meeting in Huntington Beach and is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please check the SoCRA web page (www.socra.org) or contact SoCRA at 1-800-SOCRA92 or 215/345-7749 for information about the deadline for application. The exam will not be conducted unless there is a minimum of 10 applicants.

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 contacts are Angela Allred (501-686-8274) and Debbie Christie (601-984-1099).
Breast Self-Examination (BSE) Workshop Provides Thorough Instruction in This Important Technique

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 215,990 new invasive cancer cases of breast cancer are anticipated to occur in U.S. women during 2004. When looking at deaths from cancer, 40,110 U.S. women are expected to die from the disease. Breast cancer ranks second among cancer deaths in women, following lung cancer.

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. Many abnormalities are discovered by women and/or their partner, making it all the more important for women to learn how to appropriately examine their breasts.

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

A one-hour Breast Self-Examination Workshop, conducted by Patra K. Grevstad, RN, MN, is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2004, from 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the Group Meeting in Huntington Beach. This workshop is open to anyone interested in attending.

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 viewing a video, 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 Special Populations. There are also frequent symposia and Plenary Session presentations featuring gender and minority research issues.

Group members with disabilities may contact the Operations Office at 210-677-8808 when submitting their meeting registration to ensure that arrangements are made for appropriate accommodations and accessibility to all Group functions.
Operations Office Staff News

John H. Westfall has joined the Southwest Oncology Group Operations Office staff as Senior PC Technician, coming to us from the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (CTRC). John’s extensive background in PC programming and applications has facilitated the smooth transition from Macs to PCs for the Operations Office. Also joining the Operations Office staff is Mary A. Miller, Senior Administrative Associate. Mary previously worked for C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc., corporate headquarters of Pioneer Flour Mill. Mary brings to the position a solid background of executive-level support and responsibility in a broad range of areas. Join us in welcoming them both!

Welcome back, Elaine Armstrong, MS, who returns to the Operations Office as Quality Assurance Coordinator. This just goes to prove that you can take a Texan out of Texas, but you can’t make her stay!

Statistical Center Staff News

The Statistical Center welcomes PCPT and SELECT statistician Chen Chi, a recent biostatistics graduate of the University of Washington. Chen replaces Tatia Chay, who has returned to school to pursue a doctorate degree. SELECT welcomes two new Data Coordinators: Jenny Peck, Data Coordinator, comes to us with experience as a research assistant at the University of Washington. Also new are Maureen Reiner, Statistician; Scott Corley, Project Manager for Special Projects; Andy Reynolds and Bikram Gill, Net Web Programmers/Applications Development; and Brian Hartline, Network Administrator/Compserv. Karen Wesolowski, Data Control Technician for SELECT, has rejoined as a permanent staff member.

Diane Hull moved to SELECT at Cancer Research and Biostatistics from the Statistical Center, previously serving as a Data Coordinator with PCPT. A number of others have transferred to the Cancer Research and Biostatistics (CRAB) offices from the Statistical Center; these include Kari Chansky, Statistician; B. Darlene Davis, Programmer; and Rick Mize, Programmer/Applications Development. Kelly Balch, Case Report Forms Programmer has transferred to Applications Development from Data Operations.

— HOLIDAY SCHEDULE —

Operations Office
Battle of Flowers, Friday, April 23, 2004
Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2004

Statistical Center, CRAB, SELECT, and the Data Management Offices at CRAB
Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2004

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— FEBRUARY 2004 —
Southwest Oncology Group

CLINICAL TRIALS TRAINING COURSE (CTTC)

For Southwest Oncology Group Clinical Research Associates

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa — Huntington Beach, California
Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29, 2004

Who should attend?
• New Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) Clinical Research Associate (CRA)
• Southwest Oncology Group CRA who never attended the course
• Senior Southwest Oncology Group CRA wanting to brush up skills

CTTC important goals:
• To introduce the fundamentals of Southwest Oncology Group and National Cancer Institute (NCI) policies and procedures.
• To provide the 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 Roche Pharmaceuticals through The Hope Foundation,
  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 Monday, April 12, 2004.
• Participants must attend the entire course to receive a certificate of completion.
• Registration to concurrent workshops is not permitted.

Note: Registration to the general Southwest Oncology Group Meeting does not automatically enroll you in the CTTC.

Please refer to the course agenda on page 17 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 17.
**Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT)**

— Workshop & Poster Session —

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa
Huntington Beach, California
Tuesday, April 27 — Thursday, April 29, 2004

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**— General Information —**

- Registration for the SWOG Group Meeting, including the SELECT Workshop & Poster session, begins on **February 24, 2004**. Please register via the SWOG Web Site. Go to [http://swog.org](http://swog.org) and click on the “Meetings & Training” link. Fax registrations and/or on-site registrations for the SELECT Workshop & Poster Session will not be accepted.

A maximum of 400 registrants will be accepted for the SELECT Workshop & Poster Session, so please register early to ensure that you will be able to attend.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Registering to the SWOG Group Meeting does NOT automatically register you to the SELECT Workshop. These are separate sessions and require separate registration.

- 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 the SWOG Operations Office at 210-677-8808.

- If you register by noon April 5, 2004, 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 April 5 your Group Meeting packet and nametag will be available at the Southwest Oncology Group Meeting Registration/Information Desk.)

*Turn to Page 16 for SELECT SELECT Workshop & Poster Session Preliminary Agenda.*
Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial (SELECT)

— Workshop & Poster Session —

Preliminary Agenda

(Please note that this agenda is subject to change. A more detailed agenda is posted on the SELECT Workbench)

Tuesday, April 27, 2004 — New Staff Check-in: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

New Staff Session: (4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

This session will give you the information you need to get started on SELECT. We strongly encourage new SELECT Staff to attend this session as well as the Workbench Demonstrations.

SELECT Early Check-In and Workbench Demonstrations: (4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.)

All staff from SELECT Centers/Sites can check in at this time.

The PREADVISE staff will be hosting a Hospitality Reception from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to talk with the staff from PREADVISE and from the SELECT Statistical Center, or to catch up with staff from other SELECT Study Sites.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004 — General Staff Check-In: 6:30 – 7:50 a.m. Continental breakfast provided.

SELECT Workshop General Session: (8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

The General Session focus is SELECT in Transition: Adherence and Data Quality. Updates from the SELECT Statistical Center and the NCI will also be presented.

Breakout Sessions (1:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.) Snacks and beverages will be provided

(Runs concurrently with the SELECT Open Forum Session) The Breakout Sessions are designed to be informal and smaller sessions than the morning presentations. You will be given the opportunity to choose between a variety of topics and panel members will be available to answer questions at these sessions.

SELECT Open Forum Sessions (1:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.) Snacks and beverages will be provided

(Runs concurrently with the Breakout Sessions) The SELECT Open Forum Sessions are designed to be informal round table discussions. You will be given the opportunity to choose between a variety of topics and facilitators will be available to answer questions at these sessions.

Thursday, April 29, 2004 — SELECT Poster Session: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. No food or beverages provided.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions of Southwest Oncology Group staff, as well as SELECT staff and Committee members, who will accompany each poster. We encourage all SELECT Study Site staff to attend the poster session as it provides one-on-one time with the SELECT Staff.

Please bring any new recruitment or adherence materials or items you have developed or purchased to share with other SELECT staff. Remember to put a contact name, phone number and your study site ID number on the materials or items. You can drop them off anytime at the SELECT registration desk. These materials and items will be put on display at the poster session. They will not be returned to you but will continue to be displayed at future workshops.

We look forward to seeing you in Huntington Beach!

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Wednesday, April 28, 2004 — Location to Be Announced

7:00 - 7:55  Registration
7:55 - 8:05  Introduction ..................................................... Diana Lowry, BA
8:05 - 8:30  The Cooperative Group Concept ............................ Marjorie A. Godfrey
8:30 - 9:00  Clinical Trials & Protocol Development .................. Dana Sparks, MAT
9:00 - 9:25  Data Flow with Special Emphasis on
              Electronic Data Submission ................................. TBA
9:25 - 9:40  The Expectation and Institutional
              Performance Review Reports ............................... TBA
9:40 - 9:55  — BREAK —
9:55 - 10:25 Long Term Follow-up ........................................ Debbie Christie, MBA
10:25 - 10:50 Adverse Event/Toxicity Assessment ........................ TBA
10:50 - 11:10 Pathology and Specimen Submission .................... Holly Gundacker, MS
11:10 - 11:45  Q & A Session .............................................. Panel of Speakers
11:45 - 1:15  — LUNCH — (On your own)
1:15 - 5:00  Practicum Session (Location TBA) .......................... Data Operations Staff &
              Southwest Oncology Group CRAs
              Patient Registration Process ..................................... Phyllis Stein, BS, CCRP
              SWOG Web Registrations .......................................... TBA

Thursday, April 29, 2004 — Location to Be Announced

7:45 - 8:20  Scientific Challenges and the Role of the CRA .... Ken Kopecky, PhD
8:20 - 9:00  Ethics in the Conduct of Clinical Research .......... Charles A. Coltman, Jr., MD
9:00 - 9:25  Audits/Quality Assurance .................................... Elaine Armstrong, MS
9:25 - 9:55  Serious Adverse Event Reporting ......................... Nickey McCasland, RN, MHA
9:55 - 10:10  — BREAK —
10:10 - 10:55 Drug Ordering and Record Maintenance .............. Suzie Rosendahl, RPh
10:55 - 11:25 The IRB and Informed Consent .......................... Pam Williams, RN, MSN, CCRA
11:25 - 11:50 Quality of Life Assessments .............................. Carol Moinpour, PhD
11:50 - 12:00 Closing Remarks ............................................. Rodney Sutter

THURSDAY AFTERNOON — Clinical Research Associates Committee Activities

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

(See the Southwest Oncology Group Meeting Agenda on the Web for Location of these events.)
Southwest Oncology Group

STUDY COORDINATORS WORKSHOP (SCWS)

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

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa - Huntington Beach, California  
Thursday, April 29, 2004  
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)

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| 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 Operations Office                                    |
| 1:55 - 2:05  | Study Coordinator Responsibilities                     | Diana K. Lowry, B.A.  
Data Operations Manager,  
Southwest Oncology Group Data Operations Center                                |
| 2:05 - 2:15  | Break                                                  |                                                                             |
| 2:15 – 2:35 | Reality Session: Lessons from a Current Study Coordinator | Julie R. Gralow, M.D.  
Seattle Cancer Care Alliance                                                     |
| 2:35 – 3:00 | Statistical Considerations                            | Kenneth Kopecky, Ph.D.  
Biostatistics,  
Southwest Oncology Group Statistical Center                                    |
| 3:00 – 4:30 | Practicum Session                                     | Geoffrey Weiss, M.D.,  
Associate Executive Officer,  
Southwest Oncology Group  
and Statistical Center Faculty & Staff                                        |
| 4:30       | Adjourn                                                |                                                                             |

There is no fee for this program.

— You may register for this program On-Line NOW!

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Clinical Research Associates Committee
Continuing Education Workshop
Southwest Oncology Group 2004 Spring Group Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2004 — 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, Huntington Beach, California

— Radiation Therapy and New Imaging Techniques —

Plans are being finalized for the Spring Continuing Education Workshop to be held in Huntington Beach. A very interesting and informative Workshop is planned. Registration will be from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m., followed by a brief Welcome and Introductions. The program on Radiation Therapy and New Imaging Techniques will begin at 8:00 a.m. The full agenda will be included in the blue Group Meeting Program Book that will be sent upon confirmation of your registration to the Group Meeting. Register for this program on-line NOW!

We are pleased to announce that there is NO FEE for this Program!
Special thanks are extended to The Hope Foundation for so generously sponsoring this education program.

Pre-registration is required to receive CEU certification. On-site registrations at the time of the event will not be accepted. To assure that you can attend, it is recommended that you register EARLY!

— Register for this program On-Line NOW! —

Clinical Research Associates Committee

Plenary Session

Southwest Oncology Group Spring 2004 Group Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2004 — 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, Huntington Beach, California

— Program to be Announced —

The full agenda will be included in the blue Group Meeting Program Book that will be sent in confirmation of your registration to the Group Meeting.

SoCRA Continuing Education Credits will be provided.

NOTE: Pre-Registration NOT required for this Program.
**S0205: Cetuximab (IMC C-225) in Advanced Pancreas Cancer Training/Educational Session — Dinner Meeting**

*Thursday, April 29, 2004 — 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*
*Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa, Huntington Beach, California*

This program will review the **S0205** protocol design and study rationale, describe the role of growth factors and their receptors in the development of pancreatic cancer, discuss the mechanism of action of anti-EGFR agents, and review C225 drug administration and management of frequently observed toxicities.

**Objectives:**
- Discuss the study design and rationale for **S0205**
- Describe the role of the EGFR pathway in promoting malignancy, implications of EGFR expression, and screening methods for its detection.
- Discuss the rational supporting the use of EGFR-targeted therapy.
- Describe C225 dosing and administration schedules.
- Identify C225 adverse events and management strategies.

**Who Should Attend:**
- Clinical Research Associates working with Southwest Oncology Group treatment studies
- Research Nurses working with Southwest Oncology Group treatment studies
- Pharmacists

**Cost:**
- There is no cost for this program. It is being sponsored through an educational grant by Bristol-Meyers-Squib.

**Important:**
- Registration is required. The first 50 individuals will be eligible to attend.
- Registration to the general Southwest Oncology Group Meeting does not automatically enroll you in this session.
- Certificates for CEUs will be distributed to attendees upon completion and return of evaluations.
- Application for 1.8 CEU’s has been made through the Oncology Nursing Society, who is accredited to approve continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Application has also been made to SoCRA for CE credits.
- Questions? Please contact Rose Ermete via email: ermeter@aol.com

— Register for this program On-Line NOW! —

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— FEBRUARY 2004 —
Southwest Oncology Group

Nurse Oncologist Committee

— WORKSHOP —

Friday, April 30, 2004 • 6:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa • Huntington Beach, California
  - Registration 6:45 - 8:00 a.m. • Continental Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
  - CTSU Update 7:30 - 7:45 a.m. • New SWOG Nurse Orientation 7:45 - 8:00 a.m.
  - Program 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Business Meeting 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

— Future Trends in the Treatment of Cancer —

This program will address innovative care for the oncology patient. It will include a discussion on molecular genetics and how they impact current and future trends in cancer diagnosis and staging. Nursing issues in caring for patient receiving treatment with radiolabeled isotopes on S0016 will be reviewed. Also, there will be discussion on new approaches to nausea and vomiting, as well as a new drug update.

Application has been made for CEUs with the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). ONS is accredited as an approver for Continuing Education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Application has been made for contact hours to SoCRA.

— Featured Speakers —

Amy Tranin, ARNP, MS, AOCN
Ms. Tranin is credentialed in Familial Cancer Risk Assessment and Management. She is a member of ONS Nominating Committee and a Past-President of ONCC.

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Carol S. Viele, RN, MS
Ms. Viele is employed as a CNS in Hematology Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco. She is a consultant, educator, researcher and clinician.

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Judy Estes, RN, MSN, NP
Ms. Estes is employed as a nurse practitioner for hematology at the University of Michigan. She coordinates the Lymphoma Clinic and the Radioimmune Therapy Program, and is a research nurse with Bexxar.

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Siu Fun Wong, PharmD
Dr. Wong is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Western University of Health Science, where she instructs and mentors students in research. She is Chair of the Pharmacy Committee of the Southwest Oncology Group. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco.

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— Afternoon Nurse Oncologist Special Sessions —

12:00 - 2:00 A: Disease & Discipline Subcommittee - Quality of Life Coordinator Workshop (NOTE: Registration is required to attend this special Workshop session!)
1:00 - 2:00 B: Research 101
2:00 - 3:00 C: Education & Program Subcommittees
2:00 - 3:00 D: Research 102
3:00 - 4:00 E: CCOP Subcommittee

Registration is required! There is NO Registration FEE for the Nurse Oncologist Workshop.

NOTE: — You may register for this program On-Line NOW!

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— FEBRUARY 2004 —
Southwest Oncology Group
Nurse Oncologist Committee
Quality of Life Coordinator Workshop

Friday, April 30, 2004 • 12:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m.
• Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa • Huntington Beach, California

The Southwest Oncology Group is currently in need of Quality of Life Coordinators. Many of the past coordinators have moved on leaving a shortage in this area. Quality of Life continues to be an important focus in the development of new treatment and prevention options for our patients. This workshop provides information and training to those who wish to become more involved within the Quality of Life arena.

Objectives:
• Describe the different uses of QOL data in cancer research.
• Explain how to identify clinical trials where QOL data are likely to be most useful.
• Describe the role and responsibilities involved in serving as a QOL Coordinator.
• Discuss the importance of obtaining good submission rates and the problems associated with missing data.

Who Should Attend:
• Southwest Oncology Group Nurse Oncologists interested in becoming Quality of Life Coordinators
• Nurse Oncologist - Disease & Discipline Liaisons
• Nurse Oncologist - Research Committee members
• Anyone interested in Quality of Life studies
• Registration is required. Limited to 50 Attendees.

Cost:
• Southwest Oncology Group members are not charged a registration fee.

Agenda:
• Registration 12:00 – 12:15 PM
• QOL & Behavioral Science Research in SWOG 12:15 – 12:35 PM
• QOL & Health Outcomes Assessment Strategies 12:35 – 12:55 PM
• Tips for Getting QOL Incorporated in New Studies 12:55 – 1:15 PM
• The Role of Data Operations in QOL Research 1:15 – 1:30 PM
• QOL Study Coordinator Activities 1:30 – 1:50 PM
• Questions/ Evaluations 1:50 – 2:00 PM

CEUs:
Application for 2.1 CEU’s has been made through the Oncology Nursing Society, who is accredited to approve continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Certificates for CEUs will be distributed to attendees upon completion and return of evaluations.

Registration is required! Register for this program On-Line NOW!
Lunch may be provided with this program, but sponsorship is not confirmed at this time.
Full information will be available in the Group Meeting blue meeting book.

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HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION

To make your HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS for your stay at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa April 27 - May 2, 2004

ON-LINE: http://swog.org/visitors/meetings.asp

Be sure to request the Southwest Oncology Group rate.

Southwest Oncology Group Rates:
$195 Single or Double
$260 Regency Club Accommodations

Group Rate cutoff date is March 26, 2004

IMPORTANT! Regency Club accommodations are based on availability. Rates shown DO NOT include tax — currently 11% (subject to change).

The above rates are guaranteed until March 26, 2004, or until the reserved block is SOLD OUT, whichever comes first. Reservations received after the deadline will be accommodated on rate and space availability only.

RESERVE EARLY!

NOTE: There is NO printed reservation form in this edition of The Group Newsletter. You may make your hotel room reservations on-line as shown at the bottom of this page.
COME ON... LET'S RUN!

...LET'S GET MOVING!

"CRUSH THE CRAB" 5K Run

When: Saturday, May 1, 2004
Where: Meet in the Lobby of the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa to be escorted to the starting point of the Run
Time: 6:00 a.m.
Entry Fee: NO ENTRY FEE! Entry Fee Has Been Waived!
Run Participants will receive a free tee-shirt at completion of the Run

The “Crush the Crab” 5K Run is planned for Saturday morning, May 1, 2004. This early-morning activity will energize you and prepare you for your day of meetings. Participants will be led from the Hotel to the starting point. As you run along the Boardwalk, you’ll have a chance to catch a gorgeous California sunrise. Also, you’ll likely see some early-morning surfers riding the waves as Huntington Beach is known as “Surf City U.S.A.” Depending who you talk to, it also lays claim to the title of “Surfing Capital of the World.” After a brief awards program, you will have time to return to the hotel to freshen up and 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: Age 40 and Under, 41 to 54, and 55 & Over. In addition, trophies will be awarded for the Overall Best Time - Female, and the Overall Best Time - Male.

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.

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

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 Huntington Beach Resort and Spa; ACCESS California, Orange County; and the City of Huntington Beach, 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 property of the Southwest Oncology Group 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 now! —

Come by the Group Meeting Registration/Information Desk before Saturday morning to pick up your race/walk number. You will receive your free tee-shirt at the event.

No on-site registrations will be accepted -- on-line registration ONLY.

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Spring 2004 Group Meeting

Educational Grants

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— April 28 - May 2, 2004 —
Huntington Beach, California

— October 20 - 24, 2004 —
Kansas City, Missouri

2005

— April 6 - 10, 2005 —
Denver, Colorado

— September 28 thru October 2, 2005 —
New Orleans, Louisiana

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