

IPOS Cancer and Aging: Reflection for Elders (CARE) Special Interest Group (SIG)

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Mission of the CARE SIG

In response to the rapid growth of the aging population diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers, the mandate of the Cancer and Aging: Reflection for Elders (CARE) SIG is to promote global collaborations among researchers, clinicians, and decision makers to improve outcomes for these groups.

2021 Activities and Goals for previous 6 months

The CARESIG had not been active for the past couple of years, and it has been challenging to generate interest. We had a meeting via Zoom on July 13, 2022. Although there were only a few attendees, we discussed plans for the SIG for the upcoming year.

We identified initial goals for the CARE SIG in 2022-2023. These included: submitting a symposium proposal for the next IPOS annual meeting focusing on older adults with cancer and having a webinar on a topic relevant to older adults with cancer sponsored by the CARE-SIG. We are submitting a symposium proposal for the IPOS World Congress in Milan. Gil Goldzweig will be the moderator, Lea Baider will be the discussant, and presenters will include Patricia Parker, Tania Estapé, Youngmee Kim and Maria Die Trill. We sponsored a webinar entitled, "Cancer and Aging: Considerations when Working with Older Adult Cancer Patients" on February 15, 2023. We will discuss additional activities including preparation of a manuscript at upcoming meetings. We plan to have at least two meetings of the CARE SIG in the next 12 months and will also develop smaller groups to plan SIG-related activities.

Member activities in 2022:

Parker PA and Korc B. Geriatric Oncology: Cognition and Communication A National Cancer Institute-funded training program (1 R25 CA217673) in geriatric oncology for healthcare professionals working with older adults with cancer and their caregivers.

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Korc-Grodzicki B, Malling C, Alici Y, Nelson C, Banerjee S, Parker P. (2022) Improving Communication with the Older Cancer Patients with Functional and/or Cognitive Impairment. *Journal of Geriatric Oncology*, 13, 39.

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