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MSCO NCCN Travel Assistance Grant

MSCO welcomes fellows to apply for a travel assistance grant to attend the NCCN Fellows Program and Annual Meeting from March 19-22, 2020 in Orlando, FL. Details can be found [here](#). Applications are due by February 1, 2020. Please direct questions or submit applications to nstrunk@mms.org or mSCO@mms.org.



Massachusetts Society of
Clinical Oncologists

MSCO @ NCCN - Fellows Travel Assistance Grant Deadline – February 1, 2020

Purpose and Scope of MSO @ NCCN - Fellows Travel Assistance Grant:

The purpose of the grant is to assist in the professional development of oncology fellows in the state of Massachusetts by offering an opportunity to learn more about the clinical and business aspects of practicing oncology at the NCCN Annual Conference. MSO will offer up to two grants to fellows to cover some expenses to attend the NCCN Fellows Program and Pre-Conference on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and the NCCN Annual Conference from Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, 2020 in Orlando, FL.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be a member of MSO
- Applicants must attend MSO Annual Meeting 2020
- Applicants must be an oncology fellow
- Applicants agree to meet with MSO representatives at a preset time/location while at NCCN Annual Meeting

Funding:

- Up to \$1,500 (receipts required) to help cover the following:
 - o Roundtrip Airfare to Orlando
 - o Hotel for up to 3 nights
 - o Transportation to and from airport
 - o Food

Application Guidelines:

- Submit a Statement of Purpose (not to exceed 500 words)
- Submit a curriculum vitae

Submission

- Questions can be directed to Nathan Strunk at nstrunk@mms.org or 781-434-7329
- Please submit applications to mSCO@mms.org

President's Corner



As I sit in my corner of the room looking out, there are many people whom I come in contact with on a daily basis. These are patients and their family members...

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MSCO Announces Quality & Innovation Grant Recipient

MSCO was pleased to announce at its Annual Meeting last month that the 2019-2020 Quality & Innovation Grant was awarded to Nadine J. McCleary of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to further research on "Adapting the Electronic Patient Reported Outcomes (EPRO) Intervention to Improve Cancer Care Delivery and Clinical Outcomes of Limited-English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals Diagnosed with Advanced Gastrointestinal or Breast Cancer."

MSCO Announces Poster Competition Winners

1st Place Research Poster

Rushad Patell, MD

Honorable Mention

Lisa Gibbs, MS, RD, LDN

1st Place Clinical Vignette

George Molina, MD

Honorable Mention

Mwanasha Merrill, MD

FDA Approvals

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **atezolizumab (Tecentriq; Genentech)** in combination with paclitaxel protein-bound and carboplatin for the first-line treatment of adult patients with metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations. [Read full press release.](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **acalabrutinib (Calquence; AstraZeneca)** for adults with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL). [Read full press release.](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to **zanubrutinib (Brukinsa; BeiGene)** for adult patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have received at least one prior therapy. [Read full press release.](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **crizanlizumab-tmca (Adakveo; Novartis)** to reduce the frequency of vaso-occlusive crises (VOCs) in adults and pediatric patients aged 16 years and older with sickle cell disease. [Read full press release.](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **luspatercept-aamt (Reblozyl; Celgene)** for treatment of anemia in adult patients with beta thalassemia who require regular red blood cell transfusions. [Read full press release.](#)

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