



MSCO News

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MSCO's Annual Meeting

November 14, 2019

MSCO invites you to attend its Annual Meeting and Award Ceremony on Thursday, November 14. Dr. Priscilla Brastianos will be presenting, "Shifting Paradigms in Primary and Metastatic Brain Tumors." See [BROCHURE](#) for more information or please register [HERE](#). You can also invite a colleague and register them at nstrunk@mms.org



**Shifting Paradigms in Primary and
Metastatic Brain Tumors: Unleashing
the Power of Genomics to Clinical Care**

Priscilla K. Brastianos, MD

Director, CNS Metastasis Center
Divisions of Hematology/Oncology and Neuro-Oncology
Departments of Medicine and Neurology
Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School

President's Corner

Michael Constantine, MD

I was watching TV with my wife one evening, and one of the characters in the show said a small but thoughtful comment to another character that was feeling poorly. The saddened character smiled and appeared comforted from the small but thoughtful concern....



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- Colleague to Colleague -

MSCO Joins American College of Surgeons Advocacy Day

MSCO President, Michael Constantine, and MSCO board member, Eric Wong, MSCO Legislative Counsel, Ed Brennan, and MSCO's Executive Director, Nathan Strunk, join the American College of Surgeons Advocacy Day at the State House on Tuesday, October 8th.

Join MSCO for FREE!

Encourage your colleagues to Join! Membership is free. If 100% of all the oncologists in your practice become MSCO members, the practice will be highlighted on MSCO's website, its newsletter, and formally recognized at MSCO's Annual Meeting. It is easy to join [online](#) or email nstrunk@mms.org.



MSCO Testifies Regarding Mammography Screening

Dr Michael Constantine testifies before the MA legislature regarding co-payments and dense breast tissue mammography.



MSCO Testifies Regarding STEP Therapy

Dr. Eric Wong and his patient, Deborah Fox, testified regarding STEP Therapy before the Health Care Financing Committee on October 8th.

[Read MSKO's testimony](#) and [Dr. Wong's testimony](#).

Chronic Leukemia Rounds: Treatment of CLL and CML in a Rapidly Evolving Therapeutic Landscape - Application to Clinical Practice

November 7, 2019

Hosted by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society A forum to discuss and to share best practices regarding the treatment of CLL and CML.

[Learn more.](#)



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- FDA Approvals & Updates -

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **niraparib (Zejula; Tesaro)**, a poly ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor, for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy. [Read full press release.](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved **daratumumab (Darzalex; Janssen)** for adult patients with multiple myeloma in combination with bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone in newly diagnosed patients who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT). [Read full press release.](#)