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Dear Colleague,

As public health safety concerns related to COVID-19 continue, the ASCO Board of Directors has concluded that the 2020 ASCO Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 29-June 2 in Chicago, cannot occur in person as planned.

Knowing that the discoveries presented at the Annual Meeting inform both immediate clinical practice and future research directions, we still intend to deliver the latest cancer science to the global community during the Annual Meeting timeframe using a virtual format that respects the contributions of the authors and the work of the Scientific Program Committee. In addition, abstracts will be published online and in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* on our usual schedule. Please review our [initial FAQ](#), which will be updated regularly with additional details.

ASCO's educational program will not take place at this same time and we are exploring opportunities for later this year. We understand that you may have questions about our specific plans; we are currently working to resolve the large number of operational details this change creates. Information on the format, dates, specific content, registration, refunds, and many other details will be available in the coming weeks and posted on the [Annual Meeting website](#).

Although we are unable to unite in Chicago this summer as we had hoped, we will unite as a global community to meet these challenges and address the acute clinical care issues ahead. We also know you are faced with tremendous pressure as you confront unprecedented stress on our health care system. We are focusing our energies on supporting your work in multiple ways, including:

- Gathering evidence from the medical literature and consulting with disease experts to answer [your questions about clinical care](#) in the context of COVID-19;
- Sharing [information and resources](#) to support staff safety and clinic preparedness;
- Posting up-to-the-minute information about [payment, coverage, and other policy changes](#);
- Providing patient information and support through [Cancer.Net](#); and
- Conducting [robust advocacy](#) to ensure you have the tools and protections needed at this critical time.

As we navigate these uncharted waters, we remain absolutely unwavering in our efforts to unite and conquer cancer through research, education, and promotion of the highest quality patient care. Thank you for your support and commitment.

Sincerely,



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