Welcome to the November Edition of the MASCC Society News

Message from Editors Anna Ugalde and Anna Boltong

In this edition, we are delighted to introduce Antonia Clark, who has been appointed as MASCC’s Web Editor. Toni will work closely with MASCC’s executive team and she will also be involved supporting the preparation and publication of these monthly newsletters. This month, we also profile two new MASCC members and promote a new book. We also share some exciting publications from MASCC members submitted to various journals, such as Supportive Care in Cancer, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Medical Oncology and Journal of Palliative Medicine. We hope you enjoy the read and please remember to keep us apprised of any good news stories or accomplishments by MASCC members.

From your editors, Anna & Anna

Introducing Antonia Clark

We are delighted to introduce Antonia (Toni) Clark. Toni has accepted the position of MASCC’s Web Editor and will work closely with the Executive Director in editing the MASCC website. She will also be involved with the publication of the Society News.

With advanced degrees in English and Experimental Psychology, Toni has 30 years of experience in medical and science writing and editing. She has worked as a Publications and Information Services Director in academic settings, grant-funded research centers, and in private industry. For the past 15 years, Toni served as Medical Editor and Senior Content Developer for two health information technology companies. She has researched, written, and edited content on a wide range of topics, including disease signs and symptoms, diagnosis and management, medical tests and procedures, and general health and wellness.

Toni is working with MASCC because of its mission and commitment to improving all aspects of quality of life for people with cancer. Having worked in research earlier in her career, Toni also has a longstanding interest in ways of transferring new knowledge to useful applications, especially in clinical practice. As a Director of Information Services at a US federally funded research center, her work included finding ways to get new research findings to the people — both healthcare providers and patients — who could best use the information.

In her role as MASCC’s Web Editor, Toni will review, fine-tune, and update web content and will advise on presentation and website responsiveness to members’ needs and interests. She can also work with Study Group chairs and other members to develop new content in order to showcase members’ research and educational initiatives on the website. Toni is available for other copyediting and general word-smithing advice. Her vision for the website is that of a vibrant, content-rich resource for MASCC members.

On a personal note, Toni is also a writer of fiction and poetry. She has published widely, taught poetry and fiction writing, and currently moderates an online poetry forum. Toni lives in Winooski, Vermont, loves French picnics, and plays French café music on a sparkly purple accordion. Information about her two poetry collections is available at antoniaclark.com.
New Book Published by MASCC Member – Managing Breast Cancer

Congratulations to new MASCC member Eric Wisotzky (profiled in this edition) for the recent publication of a new book titled Managing Breast Cancer: A Guide to Living Well Through Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Co-authored with Curtis Whitehair, MD, this book aims to help patients navigate through their breast cancer experience and maintain the highest level of functioning. It can be accessed at the MedStar National Rehabilitation Network:

https://www.medstarhealth.org/nrh/Pages/Health-Information/Publications/Managing-Breast-Cancer.aspx

Meet a New MASCC Member, Eric Wisotzky

I am the Associate Director of Cancer Rehabilitation at the MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. I am a physiatrist and am involved in supportive care, and my work is focused on managing the functional, musculoskeletal, and neuromuscular side effects of cancer and cancer treatments. As a resident, I spent considerable time training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where I learned about cancer rehabilitation. This experience showed me the importance of rehabilitating cancer patients back to their pre-cancer level of function. I believe there is so much that can be done to help cancer patients function well and feel like their "pre-cancer selves". Since there is no specialty society for cancer rehabilitation, I was looking for a group of colleagues that focuses on supportive care for cancer patients, and this seemed like the perfect organization to join.

Meet a New MASCC Member, Loretta Williams

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Symptom Research, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Supportive care is very relevant to my work, as I am involved in the assessment, physiological mechanisms, and treatment of symptoms of cancer and cancer treatment. I have joined MASCC because it is a multidisciplinary organization that provides networking opportunities for symptom researchers. My current work focuses on symptom burden, as reflected in three recent publications:

Publications from MASCC members


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