

Nutrition Study Group Minutes

St. Gallen, Switzerland June 27, 2007

Attendees: 15 in attendance

Items of discussion:

- 1) Introductions. All in attendance introduced themselves and described their areas of interest.
- 2) Housekeeping details. All who were not MASCC members were encouraged to join. The opportunity to review materials for MASCC was brought up, and those in attendance were asked to e-mail me if they would like to do so.
- 3) Projects.
 - a) MASCC/Mayo proposal on surveying MASCC members about the use of nutrition support at the end of life. There appeared to be enthusiasm for moving forward with this project.
 - b) Development of guidelines. Several appeared enthusiastic about working towards the development of guidelines on the role of nutrition support in cancer patients. Some discussion centered around 3 sets of guidelines: 1) those relevant to end-of-life; 2) those relevant to patients who are receiving potentially curative therapy; 3) those relevant to long-term survivors. It was decided that the above categories should be considered further. Eventually, there would need to be 3 chairs who would work with 6-7 enthusiastic individuals to put together such guidelines. It was discussed that such guidelines should be evidence-based and the long-term goal would be publication in Supportive Care in Cancer

Goals identified to implement in coming year:

1. Begin implementation of the above 2 projects
2. Work towards gaining greater participation from all MASCC members interested in nutrition issues, particularly younger people who are earlier in their careers. Promote submission of nutritional abstracts to Houston meeting.