

**MASCC Rehabilitation and Survivorship Study Group Minutes**  
**Friday, June 27, 2008, 7:15-8:15**  
**Houston, TX**

**Present: 19 members:** Paul Jacobsen, Chair, Martin Chasen, Co-Chair, Mogens Munch Nielsen, Co-Chair, Ann Berger, Andrea Cheville, Fiona Cramp, Jan Datilb, Caroline Donnelly, Carmen Escalante, Ulla Hjortebjerg, Yeur-Hur Lai, Sandra Mitchell, Barbara Murphy, Caryn Nash, Jeong Oh, Barbara Piper, Nelda Swinton, Inger Thormodsen, Andrea (Andy) Trotti

**Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and identified their interests related to cancer rehabilitation and survivorship. It was noted that attendees were diverse with regard to their professional expertise (e.g., physicians, nurses, and psychologists) and geographic locale (with representation from four continents).

**Collaborative Opportunities:** The workgroup leaders led a discussion of several ways in which study group members could collaborate on topics of mutual interest. These included:

Publications. It was noted that the new editor of *Supportive Care and Cancer* is seeking the submission of systematic reviews and meta-analyses. A discussion ensued of possible topics on which study group members might collaborate. A subgroup of individuals with interests in survivorship and rehabilitation issues in head and neck cancer (Martin Chasen, Andrea Trotti, and Barbara Murphy) identified several topics on which they planned to collaborate in developing a publication.

Survivorship Research. It was noted that development of survivorship care plans figure prominently in many recommendations for improving posttreatment quality of life and quality of care. At present, however, no consensus exists on how to develop these plans with input from patients. Paul Jacobsen reviewed materials previously distributed to study group members by email about the assessment of unmet needs. These include a review of existing measures for use with cancer patients by Richardson et al. (*Supportive Care and Cancer*, 2007;15:1125-44) and the development and validation of a measure (CaSUN) designed by Hodgkinson et al. specifically for use with cancer survivors (*Psycho-Oncology*, 2007;16:796-804). Study group members were encouraged to pilot use of needs measures with patients completing treatment with the goal of collecting data on the operating characteristics of existing measures that could be reported on at future MASCC meetings.

**Next Year's MASCC Meeting.** Study group members were strongly encouraged to submit abstracts on survivorship and rehabilitation for next year's meeting. The goal for next year's meeting is to have a sufficient number of abstracts accepted for oral presentation to put together a paper session devoted exclusively to survivorship and rehabilitation. There was also discussion of having a symposium next year devoted to survivorship and rehabilitation. One possible topic is "International Perspectives on Providing Survivorship and Rehabilitative Services", with presentations describing activities in North America, Europe, and Asia. Paul Jacobsen agreed to explore if the program committee is interested in a symposium on survivorship and rehabilitation and, if so, will identify a chair to spearhead this effort.

**Study Group Listserve.** Suggestions were solicited for communications about cancer survivorship and rehabilitation that workgroup members would like to receive via the study group listserve. Those offered include information about opportunities for collaboration and updates on activities by study group members. Efforts will be made to communicate regularly to study group members via the listserve on these topics.