Geriatric Study Group

Co-Chairs

• Christopher Steer – Australia

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Thanks indeed to outgoing study group co-chair Holly Holmes MD
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• Formed in 2012 in New York.
• 100 members
• Activities
  – Annual meeting sessions
  – Members survey
  – Collaboration with other study groups – Workshops
  – Collaboration with international organisations
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• Publication

• Current activities
  – Cancer care shared decision making for older adults – a systematic review: Thuy Koll – PI
  – **Central Research Question:** How do providers make clinical management decisions about supportive care for older adults with cancer?
  – Using the American Geriatrics Society Framework
  – 80 articles for full text review.
  – Aim to inform a prospective component- Focus groups of geriatric oncologists
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Future activities

• Potential opportunities for research, publications and collaboration
• Leverage existing international networks
• Social media #gerionc #supponc
• Multidisciplinary collaborations eg Nursing organisations
• Use of technology in GA supportive care
Supportive Care Makes Excellent Cancer Care Possible

GSG Collaboration
Goals

- Increase membership and meaningful participation to meet goals of MASCC (and members)
  - Advance science of Supportive Oncology Care
    (a) facilitate development of research avenues for members can participate
    (b) Venue for participants to present their research/ share clinical experience caring cancer patients (60+ yrs and more)
    (c) Functional network of like minded inter disciplinary teams
    (d) MASCC Website: Portal for access info regards to latest advances
    (e) Finding mentors
    (f) integrate various organizations working to advance geriatric oncology.
    (g) Model for inter group collaboration
- improve function, cognition, optimize quality of life/ preserve the patients dignity
- Organization
- research component- focus on fatigue, sleep disturbance, cognition, decision making, functional outcomes
- Guidelines _focused on Geriatric Oncology_ –Supportive Cancer Care
MASCC 2019

- PRE CONF WORKSHOP- Advances in supportive oncology care issues in older cancer patients – Focus on optimization of issues such as symptoms (cognition, fatigue, sleep), function, nutrition, decision making and patient experience

- Parallel session: Management of neurotoxicity related cancer and treatment in older cancer patients or Use of INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY to facilitate Supportive Oncology Care in older patients
Projects

- Literature review on definitions and available evidence on available supportive care treatments focused in older cancer patients

- Decision control preferences and perception of patients understanding of disease and curability in older cancer patients in various treatment settings across the world.