

JADPRO Live Virtual 2020

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Attendees of our eighth JADPRO Live meeting were treated to a new, engaging way to learn virtually. The virtual conference platform featured over 25 educational sessions, several product theaters, and multiple ways to discuss and share insights. The meeting's Live Stage took place from October 15 through 23. Advanced practitioners were able to view sessions they may have missed during the Encore Stage from October 26 through November 6.

I received positive remarks from friends and colleagues from around the country about this flexible format. In reading these emails, along with tweets and conference-related posts, I was filled with a sense of pride for this journal and this amazing and supportive community we all belong to.

Personally, I looked forward to make time during a busy day to sit in a comfortable chair and listen to the speakers share their thoughts on a variety of topics. Finding a quiet space with a small snack and a cup of tea to learn about relevant topics was a welcome distraction from the chaotic events that have become our new reality. The chat and question and answer functions on the digital platform provided real-time ways to connect with other advanced practitioners in our field.

A well-deserved recognition in coordinating this conference goes to the conference chair, Laura J. Zitella, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, AOCN®. I have known Laura for many years as a champion of advancing AP privileges and collaborative practice, and observed her service through the education of others first hand. Laura and the planning team went above and beyond in their efforts to successfully mirror a live, in-person conference. (I especially loved the lobby and poster areas!)

The Executive Director of the Advanced Practitioner Society for Hematology and Oncology, Wendy H. Vogel, MSN, FNP, AOCNP®, along with numerous volunteers, spread awareness about the unique opportunities to connect with peers during the meeting. Wendy and team highlighted presentations through social media and other avenues, fostering a sense of community and connectedness despite the distances between us.

It was evident throughout the conference that the organizing committee recognized the importance of personal connections within these meetings—connections which are missed by many during these unprecedented times. There were plenty of opportunities to network with friends and colleagues, various “leaderboard” challenges, and activities similar to those you would find at in-person conferences.

In advance of the conference, I was surprised by a box of JADPRO Live goodies. Included were a few items many of us look forward to gathering at in-person conferences, such as a reusable meeting bag, T-shirt, and a notebook, among other things. My “conference swag” serves as an ongoing reminder of all the clinical updates learned from expert faculty through the years. For those of you who may have missed this year’s conference, all of the educational sessions will be available during the On-Demand stage from November 20 through December 31, 2020.

IN THIS ISSUE

We’ve got a full issue for you, and I think you will enjoy reading some of my favorite articles. I encourage you to read the Review article by Sphar and colleagues to learn the impact of cooling on chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy. In Grand Rounds, Beaton and colleagues review the diagnosis and management of acute myeloid leukemia using a case study. Trail challenges us to diagnose the cause of a patient’s diarrhea, providing strategic recommendations for management in Diagnostic Snapshot.

In Research and Scholarship, we have two articles. Bush and colleagues report findings in a quality improvement model to implement distress screening in a community cancer setting. Meleis and colleagues describe the important role and impact of ambulatory clinical pharmacists in an academic comprehensive cancer center.

Our Prescriber’s Corner highlights a novel agent for sickle cell disease. Vogel and colleagues discuss the roles of oncology APs and genetic counselors in breast cancer prevention in Practice Matters. And as with every year, we include the poster abstracts from our JADPRO Live meeting this year and thank our peer reviewers, who lend their time and expertise to make JADPRO the impactful journal it is today for advanced practitioners.

As we approach the end of the year, I am filled with gratitude for all of the many gifts I have received during this extraordinary year, and would like to say thank you to all of the talented and selfless APs who dedicate their lives to caring for and educating others. Thank you for choosing to be a part of this community. I wish each and every one of you the best wishes for health and happiness, for you and yours, in the coming year. ●