

JADPRO Live Virtual 2020: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Abstract

In this special issue of JADPRO, we highlight important takeaways for advanced practitioners from the educational sessions presented at our annual meeting, JADPRO Live.

This past October, over 1,000 nurse practitioners, PAs, pharmacists, and other oncology professionals attended the eighth annual JADPRO Live conference, which went virtual for the first time. Amid uncertainty and unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, oncology advanced practitioners dedicated their time at the conference to learning the latest practice updates, sharing challenges and solutions, and supporting one another.

In order to accommodate different schedules and time zones, this year's meeting was divided into three stages: Live, Encore, and On Demand, spanning almost 3 months overall. In total, there were 25 CME/CNE/CPE-certified presentations, adding up to 17.25 CE credits/contact hours.

The conference theme, "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow," reflected the leadership roles that APs take on in their everyday practice to provide patient-centered,

evidence-based care. This function has become even more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, as APs have spearheaded telehealth visits, assured continuity of care for the vulnerable oncology population, and fostered collaboration to navigate challenges.

THE CONFERENCE STORY

The concept for the JADPRO Live conference came from a vision for a place where readers of the *Journal of the Advanced Practitioner in Oncology* (JADPRO) could come together and share their expertise with other advanced practitioners. I'm proud of the focused education we've been able to bring to the advanced practitioner, including sharing clinical updates and practical information, and the opportunities we provide to promote networking among other passionate attendees of the conference.

The JADPRO Live meeting also serves another purpose. It is the setting for the annual meeting for the Advanced Practitioner Society for

Hematology and Oncology (APSHO). Along with attending educational settings, chatting with poster presenters, and visiting the virtual exhibit hall, members share APSHO society highlights and accomplishments of the past year.

JOURNAL HIGHLIGHT

To disseminate key meeting information to our readers, we've gathered the educational sessions in the print journal. In the pages of this very special issue of JADPRO, you'll find summaries of the main presentations that were given at JADPRO Live Virtual.

Our writers have distilled each presentation into its key elements, with the hope of bringing

you an overall sense of the meeting. Whether or not you were able to attend the event, I think you will find value in this special issue containing insights on the latest in evidence-based care. I hope you will enjoy exploring the critical issues addressing the advanced practitioner in oncology as you read the coverage here.

JADPRO LIVE 2021

This special April issue of JADPRO gives an overview of the kind of educational content you'll find at any of the JADPRO Live conferences. We hope you'll join us at JADPRO Live 2021. Be sure to visit jadprolive.com for more information as it becomes available. ●