

JADPRO Live 2018: Bringing Clarity to Complexity

This past November, over 1,400 nurse practitioners, PAs, pharmacists, and other oncology professionals gathered at The Diplomat hotel in Hollywood, Florida, for the sixth annual JADPRO Live conference addressing the unique educational and professional needs of the advanced practitioner in hematology and oncology.

The theme of this JADPRO Live conference, *Bringing Clarity to Complexity*, highlighted the clinical implications of the increasingly complicated information surrounding the ever-changing field of cancer care. The conference presentations often featured a collaborative educational approach involving two or more speakers discussing practice-changing information. A frequent

topic was the role of the advanced practitioner in providing high-quality and effective care. This role was often highlighted in the context of case studies presented by speakers to the audience.

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. As a member of the planning committee, I'm very 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 4 days of live presentations, members share APSHO society highlights and accomplishments of the past year. In addition, APSHO members who are involved in one of the four APSHO committees (Education, Membership, Communications, and Awards and Recognition) convene to review, discuss, and plan the society's educational offerings, membership opportunities, and communication strategies. At every meeting, members and attendees are encouraged to network and share important practice updates with each other throughout the conference.

JOURNAL HIGHLIGHT

To disseminate much of the key meeting information to our readers, we've gathered the live meeting content in the print journal. In the pages of this very special issue of JADPRO, you'll find summaries of many of the main presentations that were given in Hollywood, Florida.

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 in person, 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.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

If you find the following information useful, please visit the JADPRO website (jadproce.com/JPL18videos) to access full-length presentations recorded at the conference. There, you'll see all of the different learning formats that you can download: full-length video presentations, podcasts,



slides, and written transcripts. Choose your preferred format and enjoy the educational offering. Then, follow the instructions to complete a post-test and evaluation and earn your free CME/CE/CPE credits. For vignettes on the content presented at the conference, be sure to view our Quick Tips videos that provide clinical pearls in only 2 to 3 minutes.

SEE YOU IN SEATTLE

This special issue of JADPRO gives an overview of the kind of educational content you'll find at any of the JADPRO Live at APSHO conferences. But what you won't necessarily see in these pages is the excitement and fun and passion that's evident as you walk around the conference site, in the main session rooms, the preconference workshops, the exhibit hall, the poster sessions, the luncheons and receptions—anywhere advanced practitioners gather and network with their peers. That energy comes from the feeling of being recognized, respected, and heard. And that's what attendees tell us they feel at JADPRO Live.

Please join us this fall at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, from October 24 through 27, to participate in a truly unique educational experience and to network with your peers. Visit jadprolive.com for more information as it becomes available. See you in Seattle! ●

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