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New study in *NEJM* exposes overuse of radiation therapy services when urologists profit in self-referral practices

- WHAT:** Dr. Jean Mitchell unveils her new study, "Urologists' Use of Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer," detailing physician self-referral abuse, to be published October 24, 2013, in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 24, 2013, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET
(*Light lunch will be served.*)
- WHERE:** National Press Club, First Amendment Room
529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20045
- WHO:** **Jean M. Mitchell, PhD**, Economist and Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University, specializing in health economics, health services research and applied econometrics
- Colleen A.F. Lawton, MD, FASTRO**, Chairman, ASTRO's Board of Directors, and Vice-Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, Clinical Director of Radiation Oncology and Professor of Radiation Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, specialist in prostate cancer
- James L. Mohler, MD**, Associate Director and Senior Vice President for Translational Research, Chair of the Department of Urology, and Professor of Oncology, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, Chair, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN®) Prostate Cancer Guidelines Panel, and Vice-Chair of the Urology Committee of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology (formerly CALGB)
- U.S. Representative Jackie Speier (D-Calif.)**, sponsor of the Promoting Integrity in Medicare Act of 2013 (PIMA), HR 2914

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