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## **ASTRO's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in San Antonio to showcase more than 2,100 radiation oncology clinical trials from around the world**

*Five live, webcast news events highlight top studies and ASTRO initiatives*

Fairfax, Va., September 1, 2015—The American Society for Radiation Oncology's (ASTRO's) 57th Annual Meeting will be held at the Henry B. González Convention Center, October 18-21, 2015. The event is the nation's premier scientific gathering in radiation oncology, and the results of more than 2,100 radiation oncology-specific research studies and clinical trials conducted around the world will be presented at the four-day meeting. The 2015 Annual Meeting is expected to attract nearly 11,000 oncologists from all disciplines and members of the entire radiation oncology care team from the U.S. and internationally. ASTRO will present five news briefings, on-site and online, to highlight the most innovative and practice-changing clinical trials and studies of the meeting.

Led by **ASTRO President Bruce D. Minsky, MD, FASTRO**, a radiation oncologist specializing in gastrointestinal cancers, professor of radiation oncology and the Frank T. McGraw Memorial Chair at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the theme of the 2015 Meeting is "Technology Meets Patient Care." Dr. Minsky's presidential symposium, "Multidisciplinary Management of Esophageal and Rectal Cancers," will feature Leonard L. Gunderson, MD, FASTRO, and Joel E. Tepper, MD, FASTRO, to highlight imaging, staging, genomics and data mining approaches, as well as the latest advances in esophageal and colorectal cancer treatment.

ASTRO's four-day scientific meeting will include presentation of more than 2,100 abstracts: up to four plenary papers, 351 oral presentations, 1,609 posters and 171 digital posters in more than 52 educational sessions and 26 scientific panels for 20 disease-site tracks.

Three keynote speakers will address a range of topics including cancer biology in radiation oncology, the essential roles of a physician, and patient safety:

- **Arul Chinnaiyan, MD, PhD**, professor and director, Michigan Center for Translational Pathology;
- **Francisco G. Cigarroa, MD**, past president and chancellor, University of Texas; and

- **Gerald B. Hickson, MD**, senior vice president and assistant vice-chancellor, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

**What:** Five live, webcast news briefings from ASTRO's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio. **Downloadable photos, audio recordings and slides will be available online at the end of each day:** [www.astro.org/AMpress](http://www.astro.org/AMpress)

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 18 – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015

## Press

**Registration:** Credentialed journalists from accredited news organizations are invited to attend and report on ASTRO's 2015 Annual Meeting. Reporters registered by Sept. 30 will receive the embargoed Annual Meeting Press Kit prior to the meeting.

### [Press Policies and Registration](#)

**Press Office:** ASTRO will have a dedicated Press Office, Room 212A, at the Henry B. González Convention Center.

#### **2015 Press Office Hours:**

Sunday, October 18:	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central time
Monday, October 19:	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central time
Tuesday, October 20:	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central time
Wednesday, October 21:	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Central time

For more information about [ASTRO's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#). Follow the 2015 ASTRO Annual Meeting on Twitter: #ASTRO15

## ABOUT ASTRO

*ASTRO is the premier radiation oncology society in the world, with more than 10,000 members who are physicians, nurses, biologists, physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists and other health care professionals that specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through professional education and training, support for clinical practice and health policy standards, advancement of science and research, and advocacy. ASTRO publishes three medical journals, International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics ([www.redjournal.org](http://www.redjournal.org)), Practical Radiation Oncology ([www.practicalradonc.org](http://www.practicalradonc.org)) and Advances in Radiation Oncology; developed and maintains an extensive patient website, [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org); and created the Radiation Oncology Institute ([www.roinstitute.org](http://www.roinstitute.org)), a non-profit foundation to support research and education efforts around the world that enhance and confirm the critical role of radiation therapy in improving cancer treatment. To learn more about ASTRO, visit [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org).*

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