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CANCER MEETING ABSTRACTS MLA NATIONAL TAKES UP THE CAUSE



For several years, medical librarians and clinicians have struggled with the loss of centralized online access to major cancer meeting abstracts. These valuable references were once routinely available online in CancerLit, but were removed from the database a number of years ago, prior to discontinuation of the database altogether. The Cancer Librarians Section was recently successful in enlisting the support of MLA in approaching NLM to request inclusion of these important resources in one of their online databases.

Cancer Librarians Section Council representative, Gayle Hendler, took the issue to Section Council at the last MLA annual meeting, and the Council felt it was important enough to present to the MLA Board. The August *MLA News* lists the following as a significant action of the Board:

Authorized that MLA actively explore with the Cancer Librarians Section ways to access major cancer-related abstracts.

In the meantime, Section members collected supporting statements from clinicians and researchers revealing the value of cancer meeting abstracts to patient care. It was amazingly easy to locate medical professionals willing to write about the importance of having a single online source for this cutting edge information. Within a few short weeks, the

Section gathered more than 50 testimonials from all over the U.S. and Canada.

MLA President, MJ Tooley and MLA Executive Director, Carla Funk, then sent a letter to Dr. Lindberg, including selected statements from clinicians. Here are some excerpts from the July 28th letter:

"You mentioned in your February 2004 communication . . . that you wanted evidence that cancer abstracts were important to patient care. Subsequently, we have received a number of communications from physicians in both the U.S. and Canada about the importance of the abstracts. . . . Their points are very compelling. . . . Based on all of these comments, MLA strongly supports the inclusion of cancer-related conference abstracts in an NLM database. . . . these resources are no longer consistently and retrospectively accessible through any reliable online database. We think the comments highlight the fact that conference reports can have critical implications and importance to both medical practitioners and investigators.

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Cancer Meeting Abstracts continued...

We look forward to discussing this issue with you further and working together to make these valuable resources available to the health care community.”

A response from NLM was recently received. Basically, Dr. Lindberg indicated that meeting abstracts are assigned “a lower priority for database access in comparison to other types of information (e.g., journal articles, genetic data, clinical trials registry data, high quality consumer health information).” He also said: “Abstracts from AIDS and health services research meetings receive special treatment simply because NLM receives special funding for these subject areas.”

He noted that the weak NIH budgetary climate and the rapid growth of other types of high-priority types of information made it inappropriate “for NLM to increase its database coverage of meeting abstracts. However, it may be reasonable to experiment with providing integrated search access to those cancer meeting abstracts that are already available on the Web, if Google or someone else has not already taken care of this satisfactorily.”

Dr. Lindberg asked that we forward a list of the most important meetings to him, if we want NLM to pursue the idea of an integrated Web search tool.

MLA continues to show interested in pursuing this issue. Here are my thoughts on possible approaches:

1. Ask NLM to experiment with an integrated search tool – but only if they can get major meeting abstract providers to agree to consistently post their abstracts to the Web. Currently, ASCO and ONS do– but not AACR, ASTRO (password required), or ASH (password required).

2. Work with the major abstract-producing organizations to ensure that they consistently post their abstracts to the Web. Then rely on Google to access them. This actually works reasonably well for ASCO meeting abstracts.

3. Obtain funding from cancer organizations (ASCO, ASTRO, the American Cancer Society, or NCI) to pay for NLM to include cancer meeting ab-

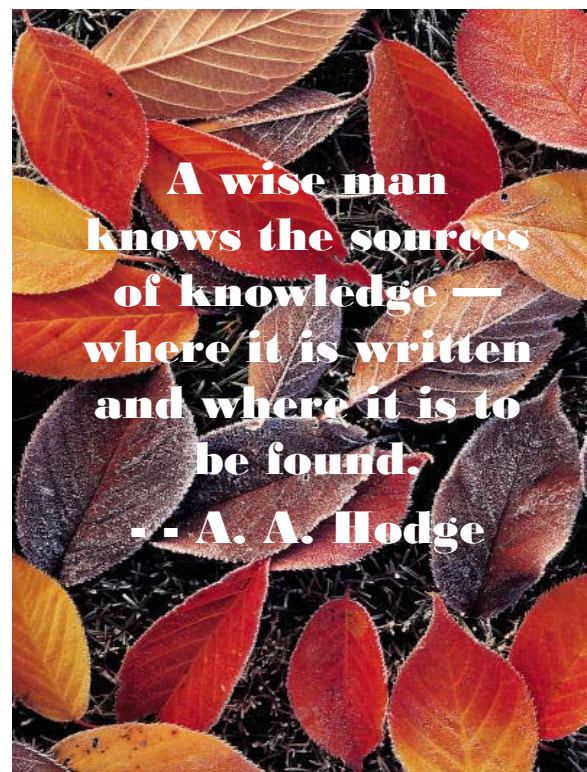
stracts in the NLM Gateway – as is already done for AIDS and health services research.

4. Find a private organization to create a cancer meeting abstracts database as a business venture- possibly in collaboration with a private funder, such as a drug company. My institution actually has some interest in pursuing this approach!

Please let me know your thoughts on these or any other approaches.

Thanks to everyone who lent such amazing support to this effort – especially those of you who solicited supporting statements from clinicians and researchers.

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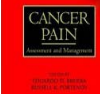
Pain Management Resources for the Oncology Nurse

The following is a collection of resources on cancer pain management, some of which are specifically geared to the oncology nurse. The list includes several evidence-based resources along with reviews of the literature. This is a select listing of useful materials and is by no means all-inclusive.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. (2001). **Management of cancer pain** [Evidence report/technology assessment 35].

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcsums/canpainsum.htm>

Bell, R.F., Eccleston, C., & Kalso, E. (2003). **Ketamine as adjuvant to opioids for cancer pain: A qualitative systematic review**. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 26(3), 867–875.



Bruera, E.D., & Portenoy, R.K. (Eds.). (2003). **Cancer pain: Assessment and management**. Cambridge, UK.: Cambridge University Press.

Cahill, B.A. (2005). Management of cancer pain. In C.H. Yarbro, M.H. Frogge, & M. Goodman (Eds.), **Cancer nursing: Principles and practice** (6th ed., pp. 662–697). Sudbury: Jones and Bartlett.

Cairns, R. (2001). **The use of oxycodone in cancer-related pain: A literature review**. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, 7(11), 522–527.

CancerSymptoms.org. (2005). Pain. <http://www.cancersymptoms.org/pain/index.shtml>

Carr, D.B., et al. (2004). **Evidence report on the treatment of pain in cancer patients**. *Journal of the National Cancer Institute Monograph*, 32, 23–31.

Devine, E.C. (2003). **Meta-analysis of the effect of psychoeducational interventions on pain in adults with cancer**. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 30(1), 75–89.

Gordon, D.B., et al. (2002). **A 10-year review of quality improvement monitoring in pain management: Recommendations for standardized outcome measures**.

Pain Management Nursing, 3(4), 116–30.

Miaskowski, C. (2003). Pain management. In C.W. Given, B. Given, V.L. Champion, S. Kozachik, & D.N. DeVoss (Eds.), **Evidence-based cancer care and prevention: Behavioral interventions** (pp. 274–291). New York: Springer.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network clinical practice guidelines in oncology: **Adult cancer pain**.

http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/PDF/pain.pdf

National Comprehensive Cancer Network. (2005). National Comprehensive Cancer Network clinical practice guidelines in oncology: **Pediatric cancer pain**.

http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/PDF/pediatric_pain.pdf

Oncology Nursing Society. (2005). **Measuring oncology nursing-sensitive patient outcomes: Evidence-based summary: Pain**.

<http://onsopcontent.ons.org/toolkits/evidence/Clinical/summaries.shtml#pain>

Oncology Nursing Society. (2005). **Pain management resource center**.

<http://onsopcontent.ons.org/Toolkits/Pain/index.shtml>

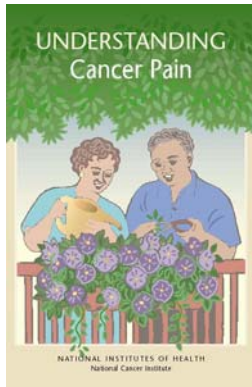
Paice, J.A. (2004). Pain. In C.H. Yarbro, M.H. Frogge, & M. Goodman (Eds.), **Cancer symptom management** (3rd ed., pp. 77–96). Sudbury: Jones and Bartlett.

Zaza, C., & Baine, N. (2002). **Cancer pain and psychosocial factors: A critical review of the literature**. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 24(5), 526–542.

* All web sites were accessible as of October 10, 2005



Pain Management Resources for Patients/Consumers

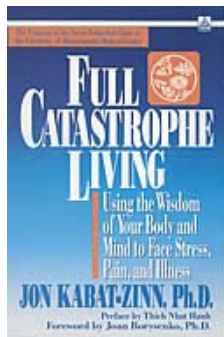


Understanding Cancer Pain, National Cancer Institute.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/understanding-cancer-pain>

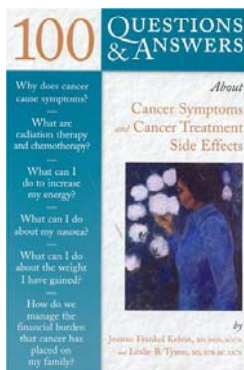
This booklet is designed to give patients important information about pain related to cancer. It will help them understand why patients have pain, the different ways pain can be treated, and what they need to do when experiencing pain.

Written at a very low grade level and using culturally inclusive illustrations this pamphlet does an excellent job of educating patients at a basic level about pain related to cancer.



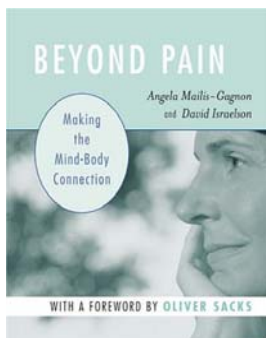
Full Catastrophe Living: Using the Wisdom of Your Body and Mind to Face Stress, Pain, and Illness by Jon Kabat-Zinn

Highly popular Kabat-Zinn applies his “mindfulness meditation” practices to the principles of pain control and stress relief. While this book is a continuation of others he has written on the same topic, this title is accessible to those with little to no meditation background. Practical exercises allow the reader to focus on specific tasks and ease the transition to applying these concepts in everyday life.



100 Questions & Answers About Cancer Symptoms and Cancer Treatment Side Effects by Joanne Kelvin.

This title from the “100 Questions” Jones & Bartlett series applies to popular Q&A format to topics around cancer symptoms. Included among the comprehensive subjects are questions such as: “Will I have pain? What can I do about the side effects I get from my pain medication?” “I am afraid of taking my pain medication because I don’t want to get addicted. What should I do? And “Are there other treatments for pain that do not include taking medication?”. A clean layout, plain language glossary and extensive index make this a favourite among patients.



Beyond Pain: making the mind-body connection by Angela Mailis-Gagnon and David Israelson, foreword by Oliver Sacks.

Beyond Pain describes the latest treatments and options for sufferers of chronic pain; techniques used to manage pain; the physical and social effects of chronic pain; and cultural, gender, and genetic differences in the perception of pain. The author shares her cutting-edge research, describes treatments and options for those dealing with chronic pain, and examines its effects on the individuals who live with it. This book will appeal to chronic pain sufferers and their families, as well as to health care practitioners who work with patients' pain.



Share Your Knowledge and Experience:

Run for a Leadership Position with the Cancer Librarians Section!

By Tanya Smith, Immediate Past Chair



Have you ever wished that the Cancer Librarians Section would offer a section program at the annual conference on a topic that is of importance to you?

Would you like to be involved with creating and revising MLA's policies and goals for sections?

Are you interested in helping select leaders who will determine the future course of MLA?

If you answered, "Yes!" or even, "Perhaps..." to any of the previous questions, you should consider running for one of the upcoming open positions in the Cancer Librarians Section. In January 2006, the Cancer Librarians Section will elect our **Chair-Elect/Program Chair**.

We will also select a **Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee** and a **Membership Committee Chair/Section Representative**.

In addition to the specific duties and responsibilities listed below, each officer and appointed leader is expected to be a current member of the Cancer Librarians Section of MLA and is expected to attend and report at the Section's business meeting at the annual MLA meeting (travel expenses and arrangements must be handled by the individual). Also, please note that the Chair-Elect/Chair position entails a three year commitment (05/06 to 05/09), including one year each as Chair-Elect/Program Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair.

Chair-Elect/Program Chair.

The Chair-Elect/Program Chair is responsible for organizing the Cancer Librarians Section programs for the MLA Annual Meeting; these programs may include, but are not limited to Contributed Paper Sessions, Invited Paper Sessions, and Invited Speaker Sessions. As part of this responsibility, the Chair-Elect/Program Chair will need to attend the program planning session(s) at the MLA Annual Meeting. The Chair-Elect/Program Chair is also expected to assume the office and duties of Chair should that office be vacated and run business meetings in the absence of the Chair.

A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.

— H. Ibsen



Membership Committee Representative.

This position is appointed by the officers of the Cancer Librarians Section. The individual is expected to represent the section at the Membership Committee meeting at the MLA Annual Meeting. Officially, the committee shall:

- review, recommend, and assist in the implementation of policies to promote membership in the association
- assist with planning and evaluation of membership promotion efforts
- assist with implementing specific membership development strategies, such as prospective member list development, telephone follow-up, and new member welcome and reception
- prepare and submit annual objectives and budget and midyear and annual reports

Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee.

This individual must prepare a biographical statement and a signed statement of willingness-to-serve if elected as a member of the MLA Nominating Committee. The person cannot have served as a voting member on the MLA Nominating Committee during the previous five years and should not also be a potential candidate for this position from some other unit/section of the MLA. The person's name and biographical statement will be submitted to the Section Council as a potential candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee.

If elected to serve on the MLA Nominating Committee, this individual will play a pivotal role in selecting candidates for the MLA's Board of Directors and the President-Elect position.

For more information on these and other leadership positions, please read our bylaws on our Cancer Librarians Section website: <http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/>

MLA has changed the deadline for section elections to February 15, 2006. As a result, we will try to hold elections for the Cancer Librarians Section positions in late January 2006. If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you would like to nominate another section member for a position, please notify Tanya Smith (tanya.smith@hci.utah.edu) by December 1, 2005.

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HOSPITAL LIBRARIES SECTION
of the Medical Library Association

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Are you looking for financial support to:

- advance your professional education?
- attend a meeting?
- conduct research?

The Hospital Libraries Section/MLA Professional Development Grants help librarians in hospitals and other clinical care settings to acquire knowledge and skills through educational or research activities.

For information and an application, check the MLA web site:

<http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/>.

Application Due by February 1, 2006

For additional questions contact Deborah Jameson, email: djameson@partners.org



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Get a promotion and want to spread
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