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MAKING AN IMPACT

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been my honor to serve the members of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) during my tenure as president. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in terms of increasing clinical trials awareness and our efforts to secure funding for this important scientific research. Over the years SGO has seen more diversity within our membership, and the organization is embracing these diverse groups. Ultimately this puts us in a better position to treat our patients from all backgrounds. I am excited about what the future brings for our Society, as we all focus on positively impacting the lives of women who are at risk for, and are living with, gynecologic cancers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurel W. Rice".

Laurel W. Rice, MD
2017-2018 SGO President

IMPACTING EDUCATION



Jeffrey M. Fowler, MD, made GYN ONC wellness a priority for his term as the 2016-2017 SGO president. During the 2017 SGO Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer in National Harbor, MD, Dr. Fowler's invited speakers explored various aspects of wellness for health care practitioners.

The winner of the SGO Presidential Award is **Gottfried Ewald Konecny, MD**, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, for the abstract, Rucaparib in patients with relapsed, primary platinum-sensitive high-grade ovarian carcinoma with germline or somatic *BRCA* mutations: Integrated summary of efficacy and safety from the phase II study ARIEL2.



David Silverman, co-founder and CEO of the McChrystal Group, draws upon his Navy SEAL experience to lay out the path for transforming an organization into one that can adapt and win in the 21st century.

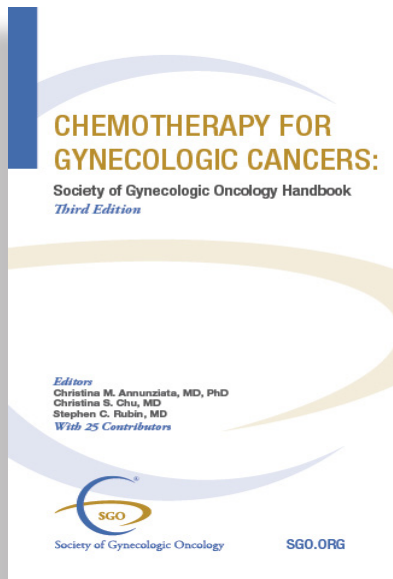


Tait D. Shanafelt, MD, director of the Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine Program on Physician Well-being, shares his thoughts on how to avoid burnout and find meaning, balance and personal satisfaction in the practice of medicine.



Katherine Bailey, Senior Facilitator at The Energy Project, encourages attendees to take The Energy Audit™ to get a sense of how effectively they are currently managing their energy across four dimensions: physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.

IMPACTING PRACTICE



Book: Chemotherapy for Gynecologic Cancers: Society of Gynecologic Oncology Handbook, Third Edition

[Practice Bulletin: Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome \(SGO/ACOG, August 2017\)](#)

[Multi-disciplinary summit on genetics services for women with gynecologic cancers: A Society of Gynecologic Oncology White Paper \(SGO, August 2017\)](#)

[FDA ovarian cancer clinical trial endpoints workshop: A Society of Gynecologic Oncology White Paper \(SGO, August 2017\)](#)

[Committee Opinion: The Role of the Obstetrician–Gynecologist in the Early Detection of Epithelial Ovarian Cancer in Women at Average Risk \(SGO/ACOG, August 2017\)](#)

[An update on post-treatment surveillance and diagnosis of recurrence in women with gynecologic malignancies: Society of Gynecologic Oncology \(SGO\) recommendations \(June 2017\)](#)

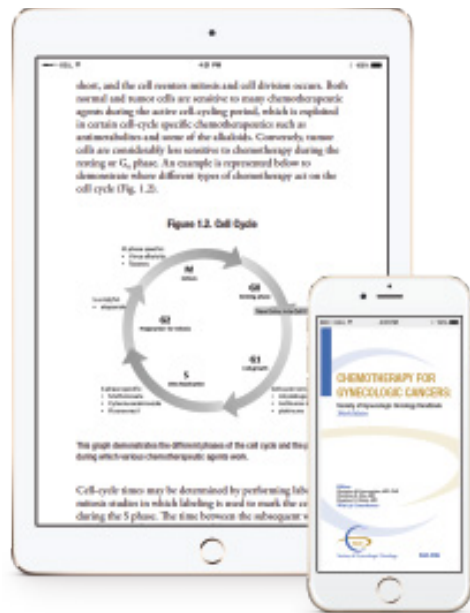
[The “value” of value in gynecologic oncology practice in the United States: Society of Gynecologic Oncology evidence-based review and recommendations \(March 2017\)](#)

[Current and future efforts of the Future of Physician Payment Reform Taskforce and the Legislative Affairs Taskforce \(March 2017\)](#)

[Opioid Use in Gynecologic Oncology: Balancing Efficacy, Accessibility and Safety: An SGO Clinical Practice Statement \(SGO, February 2017\)](#)

[Since surgery isn't getting any easier, why is reimbursement going down? An update from the SGO taskforce on coding and reimbursement \(SGO, February 2017\)](#)

[2017: The Crisis in Gynecologic Cancer Clinical Trial Access](#)



IMPACTING PATIENTS

Randomized clinical trials have significantly improved survival for women with ovarian cancer. Since 2011, however, availability of clinical trials for women with ovarian cancer has severely declined. When Laurel W. Rice, MD, became president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology in March 2017, she galvanized a multi-pronged approach to address this crisis. She convened a **Clinical Trials Task Force** to develop **1) a robust mentoring platform for junior investigators, 2) a campaign to support federal funding of clinical trials, 3) a grassroots campaign to raise public awareness of trials, and 4) a public/private partnership to improve the availability of trials.**

The mentoring platform has evolved into a four-year curriculum, with groups of junior investigators convening each year on the day before SGO's Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer. The first meeting was in March 2017 at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. The campaign to support federal funding of clinical trials led to the development of the SGO Ambassadors group – a network of over 200 gynecologic oncologists committed to regularly reaching out to their elected leaders when needed. **By sending hundreds and hundreds of messages over the past year, they were instrumental in saving \$20 million in research funding for ovarian cancer research.**

2017: THE CRISIS IN GYNECOLOGIC CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL ACCESS

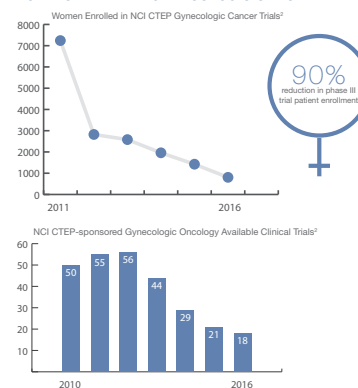
Randomized clinical trials have significantly improved survival for women with gynecologic cancers, including cervical, ovarian, endometrial, and vulvar cancers. The gynecologic cancer community has a 50-year history of developing trials, many by the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) in partnership with the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (NCI CTEP). The successful completion of these trials has resulted in peer-reviewed publications that have advanced care for women with gynecologic cancer. Two examples of these trials, both of which resulted in NCI-issued clinical alerts¹ are:

- The addition of chemotherapy to radiation in the treatment of patients with cervical cancer: 40-50% improvement in survival
- The adoption of intraperitoneal chemotherapy in advanced ovarian cancer: improvement in survival from 50 months to 65 months

Clearly, clinical trials are necessary to advance the field of gynecologic cancer prevention and treatment affording women with gynecologic cancers the opportunity of improved outcomes, better quality of life and better survival.

However, in 2017, a robust clinical trials platform to achieve these goals is in crisis.

THE CURRENT STATE: A SEVERE DECLINE IN AVAILABILITY OF CLINICAL TRIALS FOR WOMEN WITH GYNECOLOGIC CANCER



ANALYSIS: WHY HAS THIS OCCURRED?

1. National Institutes of Health budget reduction and stagnation
2. Restructuring of NCI-sponsored cooperative groups, with formation of NRG Oncology in 2012. In response to the NCI directive to consolidate the previously independent cooperative groups for budget purposes, NRG Oncology was created and includes the GOG, the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP), and the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG). Previously, the GOG and the Gynecologic Cancer Steering Committee (GCSC) were independent entities, solely dedicated to develop and promote trials in gynecologic cancers.
3. There is shifting emphasis to smaller biomarker-driven studies, with concomitant reduction of clinical trials.

GOING FORWARD: HOW CAN WE ADDRESS THIS CRISIS?

1. Immediately increase funding for the National Cancer Institute for clinical trials.
2. Annual Summit for Clinical Trials in Gynecologic Cancer. Establish annual summit with members to include CTEP, SGO, Advocacy groups and other stakeholders in order to develop partnerships with NCI-CTEP and NRG-GOG leaders, align priorities for the gynecologic oncology scientific agenda, streamline infrastructure for review and approval of gynecologic cancer trials, and increase the number and availability of trials for patient access.
3. Create a partnership at the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences/NCI for the development of industry- and NCI-sponsored, investigator-initiated, multi-site phase I and phase II clinical trials.
4. Establish a Clinical Trialist Career Development Program with NCI and CTEP, and develop grants for mentored research to increase investment in young investigators that represent the future in gynecologic cancer trial research.
5. Make gynecologic cancers a priority in any NIH-supported biomarker development programs.

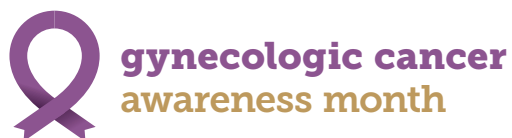
Never before has medical science had such a wealth of knowledge in the areas of genetic determinants and molecular signatures that drive gynecologic tumor cell growth. Clinical trials hold the promise of translating this scientific knowledge into identification of actionable drugs, preventative strategies, enhanced patient outcomes, and improved survival. We *must* chart a new course together to increase the availability of Clinical Trials for Women's Cancers.

Now is the time for Action, Awareness, & Funding. Together we have a powerful voice!

For more information or to join these efforts, please email info@SGO.org with "Clinical Trials Crisis" in the subject line.



¹NCI Clinical Alerts and Advisories, www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/alerts/clinical_alerts.htm
²Gynecologic Oncology Group, www.gog.org



- In September, Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, SGO and the Foundation for Women's Cancer (FWC) advocated for clinical trials on social media with the hashtags **#endwomenscancer** and **#Trials4GynCancerNow**. SGO produced a one-page document to succinctly summarize "**The Crisis in Gynecologic Cancer Clinical Trial Access.**" The crisis received prominent national media exposure on Sept. 14, 2017, when the *New York Times* published "**The Crisis in Gynecologic Cancer Research.**" *Cure Magazine* interviewed Dr. Rice and published "**Foundation For Women's Cancer Fights To End Clinical Trial Crisis**" on Dec. 29, 2017. SGO and the Foundation jointly released a set of educational resources, on the SGO website and the FWC website.



Gynecologic Cancer Clinical Trials: What This Means for You

Winner of a Gold EXCEL Award in Digital Media:
Video (Education) from Association Media & Publishing

Understanding Gynecologic Cancer Clinical Trials

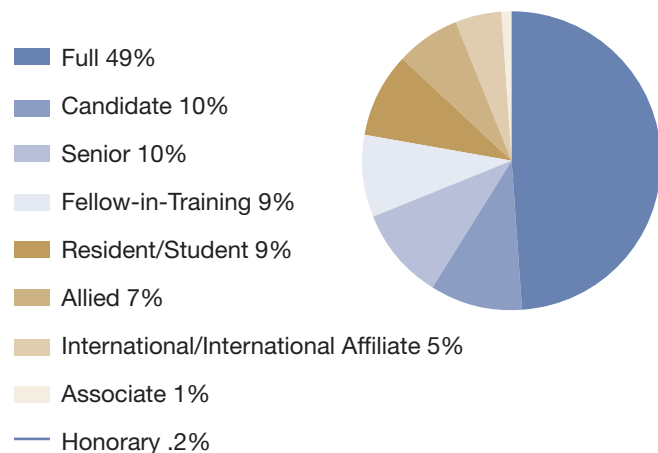


Clinical trials = More treatment options



2017 AT A GLANCE

Membership



Social Media Reach



ANNUAL MEETING ON WOMEN'S CANCER



2,456 attendees (+298)

SGO ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP

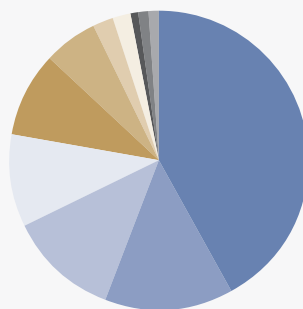
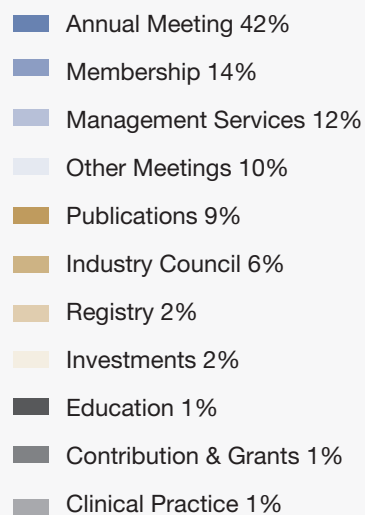
256 attendees (+77)



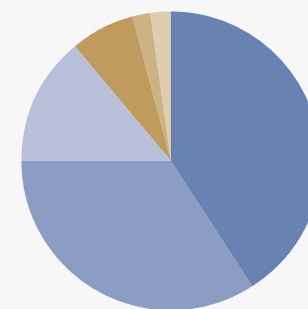
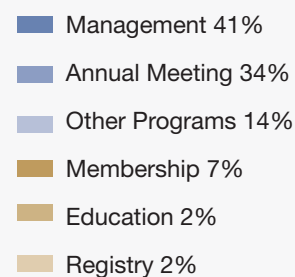
90 attendees

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Revenue \$6,613,041



Expenses \$5,647,007



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