



Member Connection

Opening New Doors

One year ago at this time, there was a lot of uncertainty in my life. My husband had just applied to dental school and we were anxiously waiting to hear if he would gain acceptance. His acceptance would mean a possible move to a new city, the sale of our house, and a significant financial commitment. I had no idea where we would be living and how I would manage taking care of our 10 month old daughter without family or friends nearby. Needless to say, I spent many sleepless nights stressing about what the future would hold.

Fortunately, my husband was accepted to the school of his choice and things started falling into place. We sold our house three weeks before classes began and moved to a city only a few hours away from home. Although it's been a major lifestyle adjustment and most days, a juggling act, we are somehow managing to make things work.

As oncology practitioners, it seems that you are constantly dealing with uncertainty. From government changes to the fate of a

newly diagnosed patient, the future can often seem unclear. When legislative changes first began to take hold of oncology, there was a sense of panic in the air. Some physicians were unsure if their practice would even survive. Now, it is 2007 and, you have not only survived, but have found creative methods to thrive.

We may not have a crystal ball to predict the future of oncology, but we do know that clinical research will continue to advance the industry. Oncology Associates understands that the evolution of oncology depends on clinical studies and research. This issue of OA Member News is dedicated to this cause. We have included relevant abstracts from the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting (p. 16) and the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (p. 18). Live links to both of these meetings can be found in the Continuing Education section on p 23.

Look for more clinical studies, continuing education opportunities and agreement updates in upcoming issues of OA Member

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News. I would like to thank you for your loyalty and support this past year and look forward to the new opportunities that 2007 are certain to bring.

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