

Radiation oncology embraces the spirit of collaboration

The ultimate goal of the radiation oncologist is to diagnose, treat, and support patients coping with malignancies. The challenge is to manage the vast complexities of oncological care.

As the Editor-in-Chief of Applied Radiation Oncology, with 20 years of experience as a radiation oncologist, I know that peer-to-peer collaboration is one of the most effective tools for developing your skills and knowledge as a medical practitioner. That is why I am proud to announce the debut of Applied Radiation Oncology on October 1, 2012. Applied Radiation Oncology is a quarterly physician-authored e-journal, featuring practical and actionable information for radiation oncologists striving to enhance the efficiency and quality of radiotherapy.

Applied Radiation Oncology provides an online platform where peers convene in a collegial manner to contribute review articles and clinical cases, providing practical solutions to the challenges often encountered in the clinical setting. The e-journal focuses on imaging, contouring, target delineation, treatment planning, patient immobilization, organ tracking, safety and quality, and other timely topics essential to the discipline.

Applied Radiation Oncology is also a key resource for easily and conveniently acquiring Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits online. The CME learning objectives are designed to offer useful information that is immediately translatable to your clinical practice today.

As radiation oncologists increasingly embrace a multidisciplinary approach to care, consulting with radiologists, medical oncologists, surgeons and the medical physicists, Applied Radiation Oncology will provide unique insights into effective strategies for cross-specialty care.

I look forward to receiving feedback and collaborating with you in the collegial spirit embodied by Applied Radiation Oncology, in a continued effort to augment the level of expertise in our specialty—in hopes of delivering better patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

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