Collaborative Palliative Care Education to Impact Attitude Changes and Patient Outcomes

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ASCO International Education Programs

• Collaborate with societies/organizations outside of the United States

• Partner with organizations to identify local educational needs and develop learning objectives

• Utilize existing content and original local content to meet educational needs
Ghana: Partnership & Collaboration for Palliative Care Education

• Jan 31 – Feb 3, 2011 – Accra
• May 7-11, 2012 – Accra
• 2013 – to be determined
Ghana

- Population: +27 Million
- 16,000 new cancer cases each year
- Majority of cases are diagnosed in late stage
- Five (5) oncology specialists
- Care primarily given in Accra and Kumasi
2011 Programmatic Goals/Outcomes

• 91% indicated changes in work practices based on what was learned at the workshop

• 86% used skills learned at the workshop to deliver palliative care services to patients

• 95% increased confidence communicating with patients and families about palliative care

• 100% better understand how members of the health care team can work together to
Continue to develop services...

- Six sites identified for targeted training / follow up
- Site representatives attended palliative care training in 2012
- Reported developments in hospitals to establish palliative care services
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