



## SCRS Global Oncology

### Oncology Program Year in Review

December 2020

#### A Message from our Program Chair:

"At the start of this year as we gathered at the 2020 SCRS Oncology Summit in January to bring an excellent summit, no one could have imagined what 2020 would bring. But as I reflect on this year, I'm so inspired by what the global scientific community has been able to achieve. From the incredible collaboration and innovation to develop new treatments and vaccines for COVID-19, to seeing inclusion and diversity promoted and celebrated in our industry, to efforts to continue to serve people living with cancer in spite of renewed challenges... 2020 has been one for the books.

At SCRS Oncology Program, at the start of the year we drafted our 2020 Strategy and Goals but had to quickly adapt them in March as we encountered the pandemic. I am incredibly proud of how the Board continued to accomplish some meaningful work in the new environment.

In summer we quickly adapted and held Oncology focused virtual sessions at the Australia New Zealand and European virtual summits reaching across 9,500 sites in 45 countries.

We delivered 10 online webinars from August to December on Oncology Clinical research topics ranging from how sites, sponsors and vendors adapted to the pandemic while continuing to bring clinical trials to our patients to Standardization and Implementation of Technology in Oncology trials.

In addition to three global workstreams/initiatives that helped build SCRS footprint with all stakeholders, we added a fourth workstream in 2020 as requested by the sites in Australia: 1) Site Education 2) Site Assessment and Site Engagement and 3) Annual Oncology Summit 4) Phase 1 Oncology Clinical Research: Toolkit and guide for Sites.

Finally, we continued to build upon our partnership with ASCO and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network from the past two years.

A key takeaway for me has been that it's about collaboration across the entire clinical trial ecosystem, to advance transformational change. We all know that cancer doesn't stop in a pandemic, and stakeholders across the oncology landscape came together to continue delivering for patients in need.

As an industry, we'll need to continue working together with our sites, sponsors, CROs, vendor providers and patient advocacy groups as we move into 2021.

I ask my fellow Board members to take on this challenge to keep striving and growing the SCRS Oncology Program, bringing their creative ideas and continuing to support oncology sites and our partnership with them for our patients. On behalf of the entire SCRS Oncology Board members, wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year."

Archana Sah  
Chair, SCRS Oncology Board



## From SCRS

Despite the many challenges presented to the Oncology program this year, the group has still made great progress towards the work set forth by the individual workstreams. Coming off of a very successful 2020 Global Oncology Site Solutions Summit in January, the groups hit the ground running with several goals and ideas to help grow the oncology program throughout the rest of the year. While we were unable to see the growth we had hoped for in membership overall, the program will see development of new tools and resources for the oncology community.

The Education committee spent the former part of the year focusing on the content we would develop and schedule for our virtual experiences in 2021. These were the topic ideas for webinars, workshops, or other virtual educational opportunities that our community could participate in. The board is working now to identify speakers and secure dates for those concepts for the next year. Additionally, this group is working hard on producing a resource for research sites interested in Phase 1 study participation. Whether it be a new venture or an opportunity to enhance general knowledge in that space this resource will serve as a tool for sites exploring that focus area. This project was kicked off in November, and be in full swing come the beginning of 2021.

The Site Assessment and Engagement team had focused primarily on adding and enhancing the benefits being made available to our sites, particularly those that would be of most value to Oncology sites. We were able to accomplish adding an oncology specific online community where oncology sites can engage with each other, as well as gathering and curating anecdotes and materials for our board members to distribute to sites within their network. It was also mentioned that considerations should be made for an individual membership to SCRS, as well as establishing a more formal mentorship program. All of which can and do enhance our offerings to current and potential members of SCRS.

We begin to conclude 2020 with no signs of slowing down. The SCRS oncology board is now fully engaged in planning the 2021 Global Oncology Site Solutions Summit, scheduled for February 2021. This virtual event is sure to be the best one yet, full of exciting and valuable content for the oncology site community as they continue to strive towards site sustainability in these trying times.

For additional information on the [SCRS oncology program](#), head over to [myscrs.org](#) and under the About SCRS tab you can find the oncology program resources, meeting summaries, and more.



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