

AccuBoost® Booster Club

Notes from the Editor

The October issue of the newsletter covers the annual ASTRO exhibit and provides an update on new sites "going live". AccuBoost in the News highlights the launch of the procedure at the Lynn Cancer Center. The Q&A section with Dr David Wazer reflects on clinical options for localizing the lumpectomy cavity.

The main feature of the October issue is the report from AccuBoost APBI Working Group. Many AccuBoost users have shown an interest to use the procedure as a single modality for Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation (APBI). Based on numerous requests from these sites Dr. David Wazer, Chair of AccuBoost's Medical Advisory Board, convened a Working Group consisting of a panel of experts with a first hand familiarity with the procedure. The goal of the group was to outline general guidelines for those users that, in certain circumstances, may want to use AccuBoost for APBI. An overview of the guidelines are presented in this issue.

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AccuBoost at ASTRO

AccuBoost is being exhibited at the annual meeting of American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, November 1-5 in Chicago. This year's exhibit at ASTRO (booth # 3339) displays complete AccuBoost Systems and includes opportunities for prospective users to receive complete tutorials on the procedure.

There will be plenty of opportunity for the new and old users to compare notes. Arrangements have been made for luminaries in the field to share their experience in a series of 5 lectures directly delivered from the booth. The schedule for these talks is

Clinical Observations with Q&A session

Sun 1 November	2:30 pm	Dr. David Wazer
Mon 2 November	3:30 pm	Dr. Coral Quiet
Tue 3 November	10:30 am	Dr. David Wazer

Physics of AccuBoost with Q&A session

Mon 2 November	10:30 am	Greg Edmundson
Wed 4 November	10:15 am	Greg Edmundson

AccuBoost "Go Lives"

Central Florida Cancer Institute in Davenport is one of the most recent sites that have started offering the AccuBoost procedure. Dr. Sandra Sha, the principal breast radiation oncologist at this site has made the following comments as the project was launched and she started treating her first few patients. She stated "I am extremely excited

about AccuBoost with its new, sophisticated technology that delivers lower skin dose which yields better tolerance for women with breast cancer. I am expecting that by delivering improved dose targeting, we can ultimately achieve superior clinical results."



Night view from The Signature Room at the top of the John Hancock tower

shown in the Table on the left.

The highlight of ASTRO is the AccuBoost Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday November 3 at the top floor of John Hancock Tower. This, by invitation only social event, provides an informal setting for prospective and current users to meet and exchange ideas.



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