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Dear NNECOS members,

I am very excited to share with you the launch of two new initiatives that we hope will enhance educational opportunities for member practices across Northern New England.

1) The first is an educational program grant mechanism through NNECOS which allows members to obtain funding support for a local educational program directed at providers or patient groups. NNECOS will fund up to \$4,000 in support of the event including speakers or educators of your choosing. The NNECOS website has an up to date list of regional speakers who have offered to provide talks at your site, or you may choose an outside speaker to support. We will not be offering CME support for these events.

The process is straightforward. Simply go to the NNECOS website for program information and presenter/topic list, at www.nnecos.org/Educational-Grants. Follow-up the online link to apply. If you select a regional speaker for your event from our the NNECOS list, Lori Aubrey, our executive director, will put you in touch with the speaker to discuss specifics and organize the event.

2) We have placed an educational video library on our website which will display a sampling of key talks that are given at our Spring and Annual Meetings. Currently, members can view 2 recent stellar presentations: “Physician Aid in Dying - History, Eligibility and How to Respond to a Request” by palliative care physician and educator Dr. Diana Barnard from UVM, and “Innovative Cancer Care Models” by Dr. Tracey Weisberg from New England Cancer Specialists who provided this keynote focusing on the payment reform horizon in 2016. Both of these sessions were recorded at the 2016 Spring Meeting. We will continue to place high-quality lectures on the NNECOS website going forward. To access these videos, navigate to www.nnecos.org/library and login when prompted.

Please take advantage of these educational opportunities extended to our entire community of Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society members.

Our Annual Meeting and Palliative Care Symposium is also just around the corner on October 28/29 at beautiful Hotel Omni Mount Washington. Hope to see you there!

Best,

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