

Benefits of Membership

“Radiation Oncology in Canada is growing and maturing at an unprecedented rate and the role of CARO as the Voice of Radiation Oncology in Canada is expanding to meet increasingly complex challenges in patient care, research and education. CARO has been actively involved in numerous initiatives on many fronts over the past year designed to further Radiation Oncology in Canada and internationally.” Michael Milosevic, CARO President, 2007-09

As the collective voice for Radiation Oncology in Canada, CARO strives to enhance and support the professional development for its members through the promotion of high standards of patient care in the practice of radiation oncology, support of excellence in professional standards, promotion of radiation oncology research and education.

From education, advocacy, fellowships and grants, and networking, to national and international representation, CARO provides programs and services of interest and value to all members – radiation oncologists, physicists, therapists, radiobiologists, fellows and residents.

Benefits of membership include but are not exclusive are:

- Being part of a national association dedicated to Radiation Oncology
- Radiation Therapy Advocacy: CARO continues to advocate on many fronts to raise awareness of radiation therapy issues, particularly in relation to radiation utilization, wait times, human resources and the uptake of new technologies.
- Networking opportunities - national contacts - colleagues who have common professional interests
- Preview of the annual Workload, Staffing and Equipment Surveys: providing CARO members with comprehensive information about current and future workload, staffing patterns and the uptake of IMRT and other new treatment techniques across the country.
- Searchable database – find your colleagues in your respective practice foci

CARO Annual Conference Benefits

- Early registration opportunities for CARO meetings with preferential rates versus non-members. Other ASM opportunities include:
 - Benefits designed specifically for CARO Resident members: CARO Resident Refresher Course presented annually at CARO annual meeting
 - Benefits designed specifically for Canadian Brachytherapy Group: Symposium presented annually at CARO annual meeting
 - Benefits designed specifically for CARO Physicist members: Physics session at the CARO Annual Meeting
 - Abstracts and conference reports

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Research and Education benefits:

- Eligibility for member-only awards, fellowships and grants
 - CARO- Elekta Research Fellowship Program – a program, for Residents
 - ACURA Uro-Oncologic Awards (Abbott Oncology-CARO)
 - RAZCER Awards (Rapid AstraZeneca & CARO Evaluation of Radiomodifiers)
 - CARO / ONCURA *RADIANT PROGRAM (*Research and Advancement in Diagnostic Interventional and New Technologies)
- Eligibility for the CROF awards
 - CASARIA Awards (Canadian Radiation Oncology Foundation Sanofi-aventis Research Innovation Awards)

ESTRO benefits:

- A formal reciprocal relationship between CARO and ESTRO provides CARO regular members with affiliate ESTRO membership and benefits such as:
 - Online subscription to the Green Journal - *Radiotherapy & Oncology, The Journal of the European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology*
 - Online subscription to the Red Journal - International Journal of Radiation Oncology: Biology•Physics (IJROBP)
 - ESTRO newsletters and other correspondence
 - All regular members of CARO can attend ESTRO meetings at the same cost as regular ESTRO members