



Kalust Ucar, MD Receives Pain Management Award

Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative Award October 6, 2005

ppropriate control of symptoms associated with cancer is of enormous importance to ensure the Awell-being of our patients. Symptoms that need careful attention include pain, nausea, fatigue, and bowel dysfunction, such as constipation and/or diarrhea, to name a few. Pain is amongst the most important of these symptoms and has been the focus of intense attention by physician and nursing organizations, as well as patient advocacy groups, all of whom are concerned with the well-being of patients and the need to ensure that pain is relieved properly and quickly. Dr. Ucar has led the way in our region in the pursuit of these efforts and has taken an active role in the ongoing education and update of physicians and nurses in our communities. He has educated through multiple conferences and presentations to physicians and nurses throughout our region. Even more importantly, he has consistently applied his knowledge to the best interest of his patients and all patients in our practice by providing appropriate assessment and treatment of patients with cancer-related pain. Thus, it makes us all very proud at Pacific Shores Medical Group that he has been so deservedly awarded the Pain Management Award by the Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative. We salute and congratulate him as well as those who work so hard to improve the lives of patients suffering from cancer-related pain. We trust that Dr. Ucar will continue his best efforts to assist all of our patients, physicians, and nursing staff, so that we provide the best pain management available to all of our patients.

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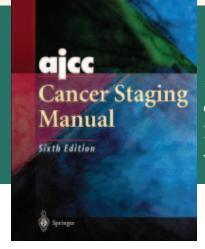
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Setting the Stage

efining the stage or extent of cancer after a diagnosis is confirmed is extremely important to make a prognosis and to decide about the best treatment. To be helpful, staging must be accurate and complete. In order to help 'setting the stage', we have acquired a number of issues of the Cancer Staging Handbook by the American Joint Committee on Cancer, and we are distributing them to those involved in various capacities in the care of our patients.