



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a wonderful start to the summer and are looking forward to activities with family and friends. It has been a challenging year and a half living and working during the COVID -19 pandemic. CARO has continued to be active in many areas, and I would like to update you on some of these today.

To address some of the issues specific to COVID-19 and our CARO community, we developed an educational webinar series. These webinars were created (with your input, thank you!) to discuss the effects of the pandemic on medical professionals, trainees and patients. Thus far, we have held 5 very successful webinars which included: ***Healthcare Provider Well-Being during COVID-19, Virtual Care: Can Quality Survive the Distance? Year two of the Pandemic: How the Variants Have Changed the Game, Education Gone Viral – Have We Transmitted the Knowledge?*** and ***Two short tales: Hypofractionation for breast and prostate cancer in the time of COVID-19.*** We also had one successful ***COVID-19 Coffee Forum.***

If you did not get a chance to attend the webinars, the recordings can be viewed on the CARO website [here](#).

We look forward to hosting additional webinars in the fall - stay tuned for more information!

As you know, in 2020 we held our first *Virtual Scientific Meeting*, from September 23-25, entitled ***Equity in Radiation Oncology: Patients, Providers and Practice.*** The VSM was highly successful, with over 350 registrants. This fall, our meeting will be virtual, entitled ***Transforming Care in Radiation Medicine: Lessons from 2020.*** The main meeting will run from **September 29 - October 1, 2021.** We are looking forward to a new interactive platform with networking capabilities to further enhance the participant and sponsor/exhibitor experience. Registration is now open – take advantage of early bird rates until August 25th!

There are also exciting fundraising events in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Dr. Pamela Catton CROF Fun Run/Walk. Please take part or donate to this important initiative.

The CARO Award Advisory group has been tasked with the selection of research awardees. The AbbVie-CARO Uro-Oncologic Radiation Awards (ACURA) will soon be presented to five of our colleagues. AbbVie will be releasing the press release in the coming weeks, and we look forward to hearing these exciting results.

A reminder that on behalf of the CARO Nominations Committee, CARO is request nominations for the 2021-2023 Board of Directors. There are a number of positions available - please consider submitting a nomination. The deadline for nominations is July 26, 2021.

Please find further detailed information on some select CARO initiatives below. As the national voice for radiation oncology we strive to promote and support professional and development training for our practitioners, public education and awareness, and collaboration with other healthcare disciplines.

I look forward to seeing you all at the CARO 2021 Virtual VSM and hopefully in person in the near future. On behalf of the CARO Executive, all the best to you for a healthy and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Doll'.

Dr. Corinne Doll
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