

Cancer and COVID-19: A call for comments

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Dear Friends, Colleagues, Readers and Contributors

We are going through an extraordinary period with the global threat arising from COVID-19.

Yet there is also a tremendous amount of goodwill in our academic and clinical communities.

Over the past weeks, we have been truly impressed with all those authors continuing to submit their papers and our altruistic reviewers who are giving their precious time to provide comments that help us to produce papers on our clinical science. We thank every one of you.

We are aware that many of you are dealing with additional burdens in terms of changes to your work commitments and concerns about the health of those close to you, as well as our wider community of people with cancer. As mental health professionals and behavioural scientists we have often been on the front line of life and death issues. We devote time and energy to understanding what it feels like to battle a life-threatening illness. The current global epidemic makes us well placed to comment on what people can do to cope.

have to cope with the additional threat of COVID-19, please share these with our global community.

For the next weeks, **until 1st June**, you are invited to share your experience of what works so that we may all be inspired to provide the best we can to cancer patients and their families many of whom may now be doubly threatened by this virus.

Short **Letters to the Editor of no more than 1000 words** are invited and we hope to publish some of these in the upcoming issues of the journal. We cannot promise to publish all we receive but hope that we can give a flavour of what is happening and can be done.

Please focus your Letters to the Editor on service changes you have made over the past weeks and ideas you want to share with other professionals about this change in patient care.

Access to the journal website is via: bit.ly/SubmitPsyOnc

Thank you

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If you have ideas and experiences to offer about how you are trying to maintain the care to people with cancer and their families who now

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