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Addressing the Challenges of an Aging Population
American Society for Radiation Oncology

- Largest radiation oncology society in the world, with 10,000 members
- Dedicated to promoting excellence in patient care, providing opportunities for educational and professional development, promoting research and disseminating research results
- Members treat more than 1 million patients annually
Quality of Cancer Care

- Clinical Practice Statements
- Quality Measure Development
- Patient Registry
- Physician-level performance
- Patient Safety
- Practice accreditation
Workforce

• 2012 Workforce Study was launched to better understand roles, personal and practice workload, and practice type and setting
  – Data Collection completed
  – Results will be available by the end of 2012
Healthcare Reform

- ASTRO believes the reforms eliminating preexisting condition limitations and lifetime caps for coverage will positively impact families across the country.
- ASTRO supports physician-led efforts to improve clinical performance.
- ASTRO believes that future Medicare physician payment methodology should provide stability for Medicare providers and patients.