

Dear SASCRO Colleague

There are commercial Institutions promoting so-called Next Generation Photodynamic Therapy (NGPDT).

They claim to be able to effectively treat patients with widespread metastatic disease using oral PDT and external application of a light source.

Such claims are not supported by scientific evidence – nor would they be expected to be effective. SASCRO is opposed to the use of this technique in this patient population who are understandably vulnerable to unfounded claims of effective treatment.

A statement from SASCRO has been added to the SASCRO website for reference purposes when encountering claims on NGPDT. It may be found at

http://www.sascro.co.za/downloads/SASCSRO statement on Photodynamic Therapy.pdf

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