



Massachusetts Society of  
Clinical Oncologists

# President's Message

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Dear Members,

I am honored to have led MSCO over the past year. With over 250 members, we are a strong and vital organization focused on working together to improve patient care. Today, MSCO continues to connect cancer physicians in Massachusetts by providing a unique forum to address and advocate important issues such as third-party reimbursement, legislation, and barriers to quality care.

I'm proud of our Chapter's successes this year including our collaboration and backing of the Conquer Cancer Foundation Young Investigator's Grant Program and the Schwartz Center for compassionate healthcare, both of which have provided us with more opportunities for meaningful support and engagement. In addition, I would like to give a heartfelt congratulations to Praful Ravi, MBBChir, MRCP, a Medical Oncologist at the Lank Center for Genitourinary Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, who is the 2021 Recipient of the inaugural YIA Award.

Last, but not least, our annual meeting is fast approaching. In addition to announcing our winners of the oncologist of the year and Audesse awards, our program includes an interesting and insightful discussion with Dr. Kathleen Howland exploring, through story and fact, the value of music and music therapy in oncology.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support and enthusiasm in our professional community. I also want to thank our Corporate Members because our accomplishments would not have been possible without their continued support and dedication.

MSCO's work is dedicated to enriching your member experience, so we are always open to feedback and ways we can better serve you. Feel free to reach out to me, any of our leaders, or our great staff if you have ideas or would like to get involved.

Best regards,

Kala Seetharaman, MD  
President