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NCCN Guidelines Panel: Bone Cancer

On behalf of the Society of Interventional Oncology, we respectfully request the NCCN Bone Cancer panel consider the future inclusion of an interventional radiologist to the panel. We acknowledge that the guidelines prescribe percutaneous thermal ablation for treating certain lung metastases from osteosarcoma. Biopsy and imaging are critical in the management of bone cancer patients. Indeed, the guidelines specifically state that bone cancer patients must be reviewed by "a multidisciplinary team [that should] ... meet on a regular basis and should include ... [a] Core Group [including a] ... Musculoskeletal radiologist [and] Specialists Critical in Certain Cases ... [including an] Interventional radiologist." Given this recommendation, we believe the inclusion of an interventional radiologist would offer important imaging and minimally invasive expertise and further diversify the committee membership. An exception may be necessary to achieve this committee diversity/representation.

We thank the NCCN panel members for their time and the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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