SIOG National Representative Activities – 2015 (VA Morrison)

1. Remain a member of the Cancer in the Elderly Committee, of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Cancer
2. Was a participant in the U-13 Conference, “Design and Implementation of Therapeutic Clinical Trials for Older and/or Frail Adults with Cancer” that was in conjunction with the Alliance Group Meeting. May 13-14, 2015, Chicago, IL.
3. As part of the Alliance Cancer in the Elderly committee, I have developed an sub-project in which the impact of weight-based dosing on toxicities (grade 3/4 hematologic and non-hematologic toxicities) and outcome in a CALGB trial of adjuvant breast cancer chemotherapy (CALGB 44907) in women > 70 yrs of age will be examined
4. Continue work on a 13-yr national data-base of Veterans Healthcare system patients with CLL, many of whom are elderly, in which we will:
   1. Examining the impact of Agent Orange exposure on the prognosis of these elderly CLL patients
   2. Delineate practice patterns of CLL therapy in this elderly population
   3. Abstract with interim data on each of these topics to be presented at the 2015 SIOG mtg, as well as at the national AVAHO mtg (VA mtg)
5. Publications this year on the following topics:
   1. Therapy of CLL in the elderly (JGO)
   2. Approach to care of elderly patients with DLBCL - SIOG taskforce (JGO, Ann Oncol)
6. Facilitate presentations on cancer in elderly patients for Medicine Grand Rounds and Medicine Research Conference at my facility (University of Minnesota/VAMC, Minneapolis, MN)
7. Remain a member of the Cancer and Aging Research Group (CARG), led by Dr. Arti Hurria