

2026-2027 Disease Site Work Group Charge

Purpose

The Disease Site Work Groups (DSWGs) are responsible for providing expertise in a sub-specialty of surgical oncology for SSO products and projects. This is essential in the planning and offerings of SSO initiatives, especially related to relevant research, clinical patient treatments, and management of care. This applies to the following disease sites:

- Breast
- Colorectal
- Endocrine/Head and Neck
- Gastrointestinal
- Hepato-pancreato-biliary
- Melanoma
- Peritoneal Surface Malignancy
- Sarcoma

Responsibilities

- Annual Meeting symposia development and presentation, DSWG-specific abstract moderator selection, and abstract review. Additional participation review as needed.
- For HPB, PSM, and Melanoma DSWGs: ACT symposia and workshop development collaboration, abstract review, and additional participation as needed.
- Content and question writing for educational products and events in accordance with Education and Innovation Committee standards and approval process.
- Collaborate with Quality Committee to develop consensus statements and/or expert opinion pieces in specific disease sites.
- Review and evaluate external requests for endorsement of clinical guidelines, consensus statements, appropriate care criteria, coverage policies, and performance measures in surgical oncology.

Composition/Appointment

- Chair: 2 years
- Vice Chair: 2 years
- Up to 20 members: 2 years
- Board Liaison: 1 year

New members are appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others. New Vice Chairs are selected from among current members or those whose 2-year term is ending.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison (s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2026. • Commit to allocating time to effectively participate. • Complete Application for Engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple virtual meetings per year (approx. quarterly). • Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities. • Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO Annual Meeting. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Cara Roth: CaraRoth@surgonc.org</p>