



## SSO Peer Network Groups (PNGs)

### Toolkit for Leads and Members

#### Overview

The Peer Network Group (PNG) program provides a flexible, low-barrier platform for members with shared interests or career stages to connect, support each other, and foster informal mentorship. These self-directed groups create space for peer learning, relationship building, and professional growth.

#### Purpose

SSO PNGs are intended to be topic specific; member-led groups designed to connect individuals with shared interests. These groups support one another and create opportunities for meaningful discussion. A specific PNG can be focused on anything that promotes a common interest. These can include anything from research (lab based, clinical trial, outcomes), disease site focus, career development (leadership, education), drug discovery with industry, alumni (training program or mentor-based), niche specialty topics, or anything where cancer practitioners share a common interest. PNGs provide a space for ongoing dialogue and peer-driven mentorship, facilitated by SSO.

#### Communication & Engagement

All PNG communication is centralized through the **SSO Mobile App**, along with virtual and in-person meetings coordinated by the PNG lead.

#### **How to access a PNG:**

1. Download the **SSO Mobile App**
2. Log in using your SSO credentials
3. Click “**Menu**” (bottom left corner)
4. Select **Peer Network Groups**
5. Browse current PNGs and active discussions
6. Choose the PNG you’d like to follow

Use the app to:

- Stay updated on group activity
- View and post announcements
- Share meeting details and resources
- Engage in ongoing discussions

### **What SSO Provides**

While PNGs are independently led, the SSO will support these groups by providing the following:

- **Secure Space at Annual Meetings**  
PNGs will have access to meeting rooms or designated space during the annual conference for in-person networking and discussion.
- **Administrative Support**
  - Assistance with meeting logistics at the annual meeting (room assignments, signage, etc.)
  - Use of our digital platforms to coordinate virtual gatherings (SSO PNG Zoom account for virtual meetings)
  - Listing on the website to help new members discover existing groups or express interest in starting one
- **Visibility and Recognition**  
PNGs will be highlighted in newsletters, SSO website and the SSO Mobile App.

### **What SSO Does Not Provide**

- **No Direct Funding**  
PNGs are informal and self-sustaining groups. The organization does not provide financial support or cover travel/honoraria.
- **No Formal Oversight**  
PNGs are not governed or curated by the organization. They are peer-driven, with each group responsible for setting their own goals, topics, and meeting cadence.

### **Roles & Responsibilities**

#### **PNG Leads:**

Leads help guide the group but do not “manage” it.

#### **Core Responsibilities:**

- Access the PNG sign-up form to track interested members and their contact information (Reach out to [membership@surgonc.org](mailto:membership@surgonc.org) for access to the form)
  - Send outreach emails to PNG members to:
    - Encourage them to download the SSO Mobile App
    - Promote active participation in discussions

- Reinforce the app as the primary hub for engagement
- Initiate and coordinate meetings
- Set discussion topics (with group input)
- Communicate updates and opportunities
- Foster inclusive, engaging conversations
- Use SSO tools to promote group activity

#### **PNG Members:**

Members actively contribute to the value of the group.

#### **What's Expected:**

- Participate in discussions via the SSO Mobile App
- Share experiences and insights
- Respect diverse perspectives
- Suggest topics and ideas

#### **How to Get the Most Value:**

- Introduce yourself and your goals
- Show up consistently
- Ask questions openly
- Offer support and feedback
- Build connections beyond meetings

**For all questions, please contact SSO at: [membership@surgonc.org](mailto:membership@surgonc.org)**