



EDITORIAL DIRECTION

Community Oncology publishes articles related to clinical research in the community setting, the translation of research outcomes into delivery of high-quality care, and practice management issues. The journal has broad relevance to the problems faced by clinical practitioners, serving as a clinical and economic forum and resource for over 30,000 oncologists, nurses, pharmacists, and administrators.

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