The 43rd ASCO Annual Meeting took place from June 1-5, 2007 at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL, USA. This year’s meeting had the special theme of ‘Translating Research into Practice’, particularly featuring 445 abstracts on translational research in addition to approximately 2,000 abstracts presented on subjects like surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, endocrine therapy, and targeted therapies. This short summary will focus on the two important breast cancer oral presentation sessions only, and will try to comment on the presented data with regard to their immediate impact on clinical practice.

Many more research results regarding breast cancer were presented (all presentations will be available to the public from September 1, 2007 at www.asco.org).

In general, breast cancer data presented at this year’s ASCO Annual Meeting confirmed current standards, and introduced promising new substances which may soon enter clinical practice. The 44th ASCO Annual Meeting will again be held in Chicago from May 30 to June 3, 2008. Those who do not want to wait another year may visit ASCO’s first special Breast Cancer Symposium taking place September 7-8, 2007 in San Francisco, CA, USA. Whether this meeting will start a new tradition of a specialized ASCO breast cancer symposium, and how this development will eventually will impact on the regular San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December, only time will tell.