

MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST STEPHEN B. STRUM, M.D., FACP

For those of you who have subscribed to p2p@prostatepointers.org in the past, you cannot help but having been amazed at the expertise, knowledge, and thorough explanation for recommended treatment provided to patients to discuss with their physician(s) by renowned Medical Oncologist Stephen B. Strum. We who subscribe to the prostatepointers prostate cancer support lists sponsored by our Us TOO Intl., Inc. Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network have been truly blessed to have had a Medical Oncologist of this stature and expertise available to address the serious side of dealing with prostate cancer, particularly recurring/advanced prostate cancer. This caring physician has spent countless hours in reviewing the concerned postings from patients to the p2p (patient to physician) list seeking the counsel of "someone" with expertise to address their concerns. He has been there at that support list for several years providing this extremely valuable service and thorough explanation at absolutely no cost to we patients. His donated services over the years would have added up to millions of dollars were he to have charged the usual Medical Oncologist fee for such consultation. There is little doubt he has saved and prolonged countless lives through his recommendations. We are hard-pressed to find another physician as willing to provide this valuable service to we prostate cancer patients at absolutely no cost. This caring physician deserves a special award for this extremely important service. Dr. Strum is regularly in my prayers for a continuing healthy existence, and I hope he is in yours.

For those seeking the services of this top Medical Oncologist specialist with years of experience specifically in prostate cancer research and treatment, read on....

Stephen B. Strum, Ashland, Oregon, does not accept insurance and rather requires a fee for consultation services, thus patients seeking his personal counsel should be financially able. However, the expertise of this renowned Medical Oncologist is well known as the result of the invaluable guidance he has voluntarily provided for many years to patients on the Us TOO Physician-to-Patient (p2p) prostate cancer support list, books and papers he has authored or in which he has collaborated, and presentations he has made at national and international conferences on prostate cancer. Although Dr. Strum had retired from consultation practice at the end of 2011 in order to do special research and author new papers regarding prostate cancer, he is again (2013) accepting limited patients. You can arrange an appointment with Dr. Strum by contacting his wife, Miwha Strum, at miwha@sbstgrum.com or call her at 541-702-2395. Miwha will provide you

advance information regarding Dr. Strum's Rules of Engagement and Strum Medical Form (SMF) that will give you an idea of how comprehensive Dr. Strum will be in documenting your care. He requires competency and concern of each individual under his care and returns the same. People have questioned why some physician specialists have moved from health insurance acceptance to fee-for-service – let me explain - health insurers no longer compensate for the amount of personal time in which these physician specialists provide direct and comprehensive attention to their patients, so these specialists have had to resort to fee-for-service; don't be surprised if we see many more physician specialists moving to fee-for-service in view of limitations being considered in health insurance coverage. Dr. Strum's reasonable fee is \$400.00 per hour and after the initial two hour consultation, accumulation of the patient's entire health history, and development of a comprehensive strategy of treatment, he provides actual time in minutes spent each time he updates the patient's SMF so the patient is aware of billing charges. Consider that a usual appointment with a Medical Oncologist (and more often than not, one who does not "specialize specifically in prostate cancer") with the appointment usually lasting no more than 15 minutes with billing around likely more than \$125.00 for that 15 minutes, the cost for most any "generalist" Medical Oncologist could actually add up to around \$500.00 if provided an hour of specific attention, though you are unlikely to get such attention. The cost of Dr. Strum's fee-for-service is better described in an exchange between the famous artist "Whistler" who was once asked by John Ruskin: "For two days labour, you ask two hundred guineas?" Whistler replied: "No, I ask for the knowledge of a lifetime." Dr. Strum's "specializing specifically in prostate cancer" goes back to 1983 – certainly a physician with "knowledge of a lifetime" in specific prostate cancer research, study, and treatment.