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Dear ASGCT Members and Friends of the Society,

I am writing to inform you that the ASGCT Board of Directors recently made the decision to no longer offer Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for the Society's Annual Meeting.

The decision was primarily based on balancing the cost of providing CME against the number of Annual Meeting attendees who take advantage of CME. The cost to ASGCT for providing CME has continued to increase dramatically over the past few years while, at the same time, the number of meeting attendees who request CME credit has decreased significantly over the last 5 years. Currently, the cost to the Society for providing CME is approximately 6 times the total fees collected from CME applicants. While we understand the value of this service, the significant loss to the Society is difficult to justify in these economic times.

We are communicating this to you directly, since you have previously received CME credit for attending the ASGCT Annual Meeting.

We hope this change will not influence your decision to attend the ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting, May 16-19, 2012, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which again promises to be an exciting and didactic program. We look forward to seeing you then.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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