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## COMMUNICATION

**Subject:** I-SPY 2 COVID-19 Communication to Patients

**Date:** March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear I-SPY 2 TRIAL patient,

Thank you for participating in the I-SPY 2 TRIAL. We are committed to your safety in these uncertain times and are also making sure that you receive the best care possible for your cancer. The purpose of this communication is to assure you your I-SPY providers are monitoring information about the coronavirus and its potential impact on patients who are being treated in the I-SPY 2 TRIAL. Our team of nationally recognized experts are in regular communication and are being proactive in order to make any modifications to required visits and testing in order to ensure maximal safety for all of you. We do this in close collaboration with your doctor at your local hospital. As conditions vary in different parts of the country, your individual health care providers will be your best source of information.

We will be in touch with you by telephone or video call the day before each visit for treatment to see how you are doing and to check on your symptoms. Your healthcare team will offer you the opportunity to have your blood testing done the day before each scheduled infusion visit, in order to avoid coming in if your blood counts are low. If you develop any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or chest tightness, please let your health care team know right away. If you are testing for COVID-19, regardless of the results, please let your health care team know.

We expect that being careful and vigilant will help to protect you and will allow us to provide you with your cancer treatment, even during this viral outbreak. An excellent source of information, that is being updated continuously is the American Cancer Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) website that is providing information about COVID-19 and cancer care:

( <https://www.asco.org/asco-coronavirus-information> ).

Another source that is directed more to patients is the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Stay home as much as possible, and take all the recommended precautions, including minimizing your social interactions, washing your hands, and keeping surfaces clean. As always, the team is here to help answer questions. Every week we will send a short update as the situation evolves.

Sincerely,

Jane Perlmutter, I-SPY 2 patient advocate,  
I SPY Leadership team and all Principle Investigators,  
and Quantum Leap Healthcare Collaborative (sponsor)