



New Brochure Available For Advanced Breast Cancer Patients And Their Families

(NAPSA)—Upon diagnosis of advanced breast cancer, it is important that a woman communicates with her physician to assess the best treatment options available to her. The questions raised during patient-physician dialogue often impact the patient's course of treatment. From questions about stage of diagnosis to treatment options, patients need to learn ways to cope, understand and fight the disease.

A new patient-friendly brochure, *Advanced Breast Cancer: A Patient Checklist*, helps these women and their loved ones do just this.

Developed by AstraZeneca, a pioneer in breast cancer treatment, the brochure serves as a tool to increase a patient's understanding about living with the disease. It gives patients a special tear-off checklist to take with them to appointments with their oncologist.

In addition, the brochure offers information on various treatment options; provides resources available to advanced breast cancer patients; details the stages of the disease; and discusses the importance of clinical trial participation.

The tear-off, entitled "Questions to Ask Your Physician," helps women organize their thoughts and ask appropriate questions about treatment options. It also provides a way to record information that will be beneficial throughout the course of treatment.

Every woman's breast cancer diagnosis is different and the treatment should be tailored accordingly. What a physician rec-

Sample Checklist Questions:

- What stage is my breast cancer? What does this mean?
- Why has my breast cancer recurred? Does this mean my treatment will have to change?
- What are my chances of responding to treatment?
- What are the treatment options for my stage of breast cancer?
- What treatment options, oral or injectable, are available for me as an advanced breast cancer patient?
- What are the possible side effects of treatment options?



ommends for one woman may not be right for another. Developing a list of questions to ask is a good start to addressing any concerns, getting the proper information and pursuing the best course of treatment.

For further information or a copy of the brochure, call the AstraZeneca Cancer Support Network at 866-99-AZ CSN (866-992-9276) or visit www.visions-of-hope.com to download a copy. Copies of the brochure and more information on the disease are also available from:

- Cancer Care, Inc. at 800-813-HOPE or www.cancercare.org.
- The Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation at 800-227-2732 or www.preventcancer.org/ForPatients/index.cfm.
- Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization at 800-221-2141 or www.y-me.org.