In Memoriam

Arti Hurria, M.D.
Founding Scientific Steering Committee Chair

The Cancer and Accelerated Aging Scientific Steering Committee dedicates this meeting to the memory of Dr. Arti Hurria, who passed away November 7, 2018. She was an internationally recognized leader who devoted her career to improving the lives of her patients, and a cherished and highly respected member of our community who shaped the field of geriatric oncology. We mourn her loss and strive to honor her legacy.

Dr. Arti Hurria was a geriatrician and oncologist and was Vice Provost of Clinical Faculty and Director of the Center for Cancer and Aging at City of Hope. The overall goal of her research program was to improve the care of older adults with cancer. Under Dr. Hurria’s leadership, the Center for Cancer and Aging developed and executed over 26 geriatric oncology protocols, enrolling over 3,400 participants on studies focused on cancer and aging. She was principal investigator on four NIH-funded grants and received research support from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, UniHealth Foundation, and Hearst Foundation.

Dr. Hurria led national and international efforts to improve the care of older adults with cancer. She served on the Institute of Medicine, Committee on Improving the Quality of Cancer Care: Addressing the Challenges in an Aging Population, and served as the Editor-in-Chief Emeritus for the Journal of Geriatric Oncology (Editor-in-Chief, 2010-2017).

Dr. Hurria was the recipient of the B.J. Kennedy Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, which recognizes scientific excellence in geriatric oncology. She was elected to the society’s Board of Directors in 2016.

In 2017, Dr. Hurria was the recipient of an endowed chair in geriatric oncology (The George Tsai Geriatric Oncology Chair) and the recipient of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology Paul Calabresi Award.