

## New Oral Care Patient Education Materials

Members of the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO) and MASCC's Oral Care Study Group have created four multilingual [Fact Sheets](#) and an [Oral Care Education Video Storyboard](#) that provide instructions for patients undergoing chemotherapy or head-and-neck radiation therapy. The fact sheets provide instructions on caring for the mouth during active chemotherapy, and on self-care before, during, and after head-and-neck radiation. The Fact Sheets were created by a network of physicians, nurses, dietitians, speech language pathologists, dentists, radiation therapists, and social workers committed to supportive care. They are based on systematic reviews, guidelines, and up-to-date, evidenced-based recommendations for managing the oral complications of cancer therapy, as well as the most current thinking about knowledge translation and delivery to patients.



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The Fact Sheets are currently available in 18 languages. This large translation effort was carried out by ISOO members around the world, and all of the Fact Sheets have been validated by each translation team. The project demonstrates the success of collaborative efforts in translating research into clinical practice and patient care. The Fact Sheets can be personalized by each cancer center that uses them. ISOO hopes that using these Fact Sheets will result in global collaboration at the institutional level.

The first of four planned storyboards is also available. It provides information on self-care during active chemotherapy treatment in a video format, as an alternative to the patient information Fact Sheets. It can be viewed on computers, tablets, and smart phones, as well as overhead in waiting rooms. Three more video storyboards on self-care before, during, and after head-and-neck radiation will be released soon.