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Dear Colleague,

As an oncologist specializing in gastrointestinal cancers, I know how difficult it is to tell a patient they have pancreatic cancer. In fact, this may be a diagnosis we will be giving more frequently based on the startling statistics released in a recent report by the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. This report shows the incidence for pancreatic cancer is increasing and pancreatic cancer is projected to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death by the year 2020. This is not a race we are trying to win. [Click here to view the report.](#)

To try to reverse this alarming rise in pancreatic cancer deaths, it is very important to urge your patients to participate in clinical trials. Scientific advances cannot happen without clinical trials, and clinical trials cannot be successful without the support of doctors who suggest this option to patients. For trial information, please encourage your patients to contact the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Patient and Liaison Services (PALS) program. PALS has the most up-to-date database of all pancreatic cancer clinical trials currently enrolling patients in the U.S., and will perform personalized clinical trials searches at no cost. PALS Associates are available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., PT. Call 877-272-6226 or email pals@pancan.org for information and free patient education materials.

Respectfully,

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