

# ACOSOG symposium to focus on changing role of surgical oncologists

The American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) will sponsor the continuing medical education program, The Changing Role of Surgical Oncologists, during the 2009 ACOSOG annual symposium, June 18-20, at the Hyatt

Bonaventure in Weston, FL.

New imaging technologies, as well as genomic and proteomic methodologies for the treatment of cancer, are significantly changing the role of surgical oncologists who work closely with laboratory scientists, med-

ical oncologists, and radiation oncologists to further develop:

- New laboratory and imaging diagnostics
- Novel therapeutics that target specific cell growth pathways expressed in a primary tumor

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- Methods for tissue acquisition
  - Neoadjuvant treatments for resectable primary tumors
  - Diagnostics that lead to

personalized cancer treatment

The program will provide a greater understanding of the surgical oncologist's changing

role in cancer diagnostics and how these new procedures will affect practice. For more information, visit *<http://dcri.org/research/meetings/acosog>*.