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## **Society for Endocrinology response to the publication of *Cured – but at what cost?* by Macmillan Cancer Support**

The Society for Endocrinology welcomes the recent report by Macmillan Cancer Support (*Cured – but at what cost?*) which provides invaluable insights into patients' experiences of the next frontier in cancer care: the long term consequences of cancer and its treatment.

It has been reported that up to 55% of medical problems that can be attributed to the treatment used to cure cancer are hormonal in nature or related to fertility, meaning that endocrinologists will continue to play a significant role in improving the lives of those affected.

The Society for Endocrinology is grateful to Macmillan for publishing its findings of patient experiences in cancer survivorship. The Society supports the recommendations made in the report and intends to acknowledge them in its continued action to improve the long-term care of cancer survivors, which includes:

- The development of clinical guidelines on the late endocrine consequences of cancer therapy to aid healthcare professionals (in development);
- The development of patient information resources in late endocrine consequences of cancer therapy (in development);
- Providing a focus for education and training of junior and senior endocrinologists and nurses in the identification and management of late effects via our scientific, clinical and nurse meetings programme;
- Inputting to National strategy platforms such as the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative (NCSI).

**Professor John Wass, Consultant Physician and Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Oxford and a Convenor of the Society for Endocrinology Late Effects of Cancer Therapy Special Interest Group said:**

*“The last 40 years has seen a remarkable improvement in the overall survival of patients treated for malignant disease during childhood and adulthood. This success is shadowed by the long-term consequences of cancer therapy that appear following treatment.*

*“These ‘late effects’ are often hormonal in nature and can include problems with reproduction, metabolism and, where the treatment occurs in children, growth and development. Many endocrinologists across the UK and the world are committed to improving the lives of those affected by cancer.*

*“The Society for Endocrinology provides a platform for expert knowledge sharing and clinical excellence in this field. We are very grateful to Macmillan Cancer Support for sharing their enormous wealth of patient experience through this report, and hope to utilise this invaluable resource to help to significantly improve the lives of cancer survivors for years to come.”*

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### Notes for Editors:

This statement is made in response to a July 2013 report by Macmillan Cancer Support: *Cured – but at what cost?* A press release and link to the report can be found at the [Macmillan website](#).

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