

Helsinn Demonstrates Commitment to raising Awareness on Cachexia by Supporting Cachexia Societies Conferences

Lugano, Switzerland, December 10, 2020 – Helsinn, a Swiss pharmaceutical group focused on building quality cancer care and rare disease products, is pleased to be able, once again, to support conferences focusing on cachexia. Helsinn has supported and participated in cachexia themed conferences for a number of years and is proud to be a sponsor this year of the virtual 5th Cancer Cachexia Conference, which was held on 10-11 September 2020, and the 13th International Sarcopenia and Muscle Wasting Digital Conference on Cachexia (SCWD), which will take place as a virtual event on 11-13th December 2020.

For many years Helsinn has been aware of cachexia and muscle wasting and how they represent an increasing burden for health-care systems, cancer patients and their families and healthcare professionals. It is therefore important to increase awareness and education around these severely debilitating conditions. In light of COVID-19 pandemic, SCWD and the Cancer Cachexia Society decided to create virtual conferences, ensuring the international community keeps abreast with the latest advancements in these important disease areas.

Riccardo Braglia, Group Vice Chairman and CEO at Helsinn commented: “We are pleased to be able to support these important cachexia conferences once again. At Helsinn, we understand the importance of awareness and education around these disease areas, and both conferences are key to spreading knowledge and sharing the latest research. We hope that as a result of these events in September and December, there will be concrete improvements in the management of cachexia, sarcopenia and frailty resulting from chronic and acute diseases.”

To learn more about the upcoming SCWD Digital Conference and read the agenda, visit the website here: <https://society-scwd.org/conference-information/>

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