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A new site design was launched in April, as part of a multi-year effort to upgrade the Society's technology platforms.

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- [Statement from ASH President Linda J. Burns, MD, on Release of Medicare Physician Payment Data](#)

Today the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released a large and complex set of data about the number and type of health-care services that individual physicians and certain other health-care professionals delivered in 2012, and the amount Medicare paid them for those services. The data, which cover \$77 billion of Medicare Part B Fee-for-Service program payments to 880,000 providers, are intended to allow the public to identify outliers and patterns in payment.

- [Study Further Illuminates Heart-Healthy Benefits of Mediterranean Diet](#)

New research published in *Blood* further illuminates the heart-healthy benefits of the Mediterranean diet, tying the eating plan to lower levels of platelets and white blood cells, two markers of inflammation.

- [Researchers Present Comprehensive “ Roadmap” of Blood Cells](#)

Research published in *Blood* presents an unprecedented look at five unique blood cells in the human body, pinpointing the location of key genetic regulators in these cells and providing a new tool that may help scientists to identify how blood cells form and shed light on the etiology of blood diseases.

- [American Society of Hematology Awards Third Round of Bridge Grants as Federal Research Funding Remains Limited](#)

The American Society of Hematology today announced the names of 15 research investigators who will receive critical interim support from the Society.

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- [Update on the 2013 ASH Initiative – Choosing Wisely](#)

Dr. Lisa Hicks reviews the ASH Choosing Wisely initiative and summarizes the ongoing aims of the ASH Choosing Wisely Task Force.

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If you have visited the ASH website in the past few weeks you may have noticed some significant changes. A new site design was launched on April 4, as part of a multi-year effort to upgrade the Society's technology platforms.

- [It's a Small World: Hematologist Research Opportunities Around the Globe](#)

Dr. Susan Shurin highlights the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's global health initiatives, encouraging participation by hematologists in these programs through the Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars.

- [We're Here, But Where Are We Going?](#)

Dr. Charles Parker discusses personalized medicine and the importance of developing regulatory and oversight policies and protecting patients' rights.

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- [ASH and NCAA Coauthor Article on Care for the Student-Athlete with Sickle Cell Trait](#)

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Sport Science Institute and ASH have coauthored an article on the health, safety, and well-being of student-athletes with sickle cell trait.

- [Senate Votes in Favor of SGR Patch; CMS Announces Plans for Claims Hold](#)

On March 31, the U.S. Senate passed a bill that would avert the more than 20 percent cut to Medicare physician payments mandated by the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula on April 1, 2014.

- [House Votes on Short-Term Bill to Avert Significant Cut to Medicare Physician Payments](#)

Earlier today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would avert the more than 20% cut to Medicare physician payment mandated by the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula on April 1, 2014.

- [President Releases FY 2015 Budget Proposal](#)

President Obama has released the framework of his fiscal year (FY) 2015 budget proposal. While noting that "biomedical research contributes to improving the health of the American people," the President's proposed budget provides \$30.2 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a slight increase over the amount provided for NIH in the final FY 2014 budget passed by Congress in January.

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