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Professor Jeff Dunn
International Psycho-Oncology Society
c/o Cancer Council Queensland
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Dear Professor Dunn:

I am writing to share LIVESTRONG's endorsement of the International Psycho-Oncology Society's Statement on Standards and Clinical Practice Guidelines in Clinical Care. We fully support your efforts in revising the guidelines to include both distress as a sixth vital sign, and to include the recommendation of integration of the psychosocial domain into routine cancer care.

LIVESTRONG unites people to fight cancer. We engage the public at large to pursue a policy agenda focused on preventing cancer, ensuring access to screening and care, improving the quality of life and survivorship for people affected by cancer, and investing in needed research. By working in a patient-centered approach, we are able to ensure that the physical, emotional and practical needs of people affected by cancer are addressed appropriately.

We therefore fully support IPOS' proposal of a new international quality standard, seeing the potential for such an improvement to positively affect the lives of cancer survivors all over the world.

Sincerely,



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