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Established in 2011, Sosido was developed as an online knowledge-sharing network for healthcare professionals. The goals of the Sosido platform are to 1) speed knowledge translation through community building; 2) stimulate collaboration; and 3) raise the profile of researchers and broadcast contributions of specialties to the broader healthcare community (source: http://www.screencast.com/t/TIP0PHsuwk). Through your membership in CANO/ACIO, you have a complimentary Sosido membership. This brief guide will provide an overview of the Sosido features that may be of particular interest to CANO/ACIO members, how the weekly Sosido Digest can be customized to suit readers’ interests, and how to use the Question and Answer (Q&A) feature within Sosido.

WHAT FEATURES OF SOSIDO MAY BE OF INTEREST TO CANO/ACIO MEMBERS?

One of the most notable features about a Sosido membership is that members receive a weekly email, referred to as a “Sosido Digest” that includes:

- Questions posed by CANO/ACIO members to solicit responses from other CANO/ACIO members. These questions may be clinical practice questions, research questions, or questions about models of care (See Sosido’s Q&A feature described below).
- News and Updates that CANO/ACIO would like to share with its members. Sosido members can opt to receive News and Updates from other Sosido communities, such as the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC), Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO), and International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), to name a few. Details about how to customize/access Sosido's News and Updates feature are indicated below.
- A summary of new publications by CANO/ACIO members. Sosido members can opt to receive a summary of new publications by members of other Sosido communities, such as the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA), Pediatric Blood & Marrow Transplant Consortium (PBMT), and International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS), to name a few. Details about how to customize/access publications of interest to you are indicated below.
- A list of article titles, authors, and abstracts from journals selected by members of other Sosido communities, such as the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA), Pediatric Blood & Marrow Transplant Consortium (PBMT), and International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS), to name a few. Details about how to customize/access journals and sources as they would like to receive weekly updates. The customization process begins by clicking on the “Customize sources” button located at the top of the screen. Sosido members are then taken to a page from which they can customize their selections about which journals and associations they would like to receive weekly updates. The customization process begins by clicking on the “Customize sources” button located at the top of the screen. Members can also scroll to the bottom of the page to view and select from the many other journals available on Sosido. Sosido members can select and/or de-select as many journals and sources as they would like to receive feeds from in their weekly Sosido Digest.

HOW CAN THE WEEKLY SOSIDO DIGEST EMAILS BE CUSTOMIZED?

Sosido members can customize their weekly Sosido Digest in two ways: 1) by clicking on the “Customize Digest” hyperlink at the top-right corner of the weekly Sosido Digest; or 2) by logging in to www.sosido.com. Either way, Sosido members will be required to login to the Sosido website using their email and chosen password. Once logged into the Sosido platform (see Image 1), members can indicate their membership preferences by clicking on the “Customize sources” button located at the top of their screen. Sosido members are then taken to a page from which they can customize their selections about which journals and associations they would like to receive weekly updates. The customization process begins by clicking on the “Customize sources” button located at the top of their screen. Sosido members can select and/or de-select as many journals and sources as they would like to receive feeds from in their weekly Sosido Digest.

When customizing the types of journals that members want to read in their Sosido Digest, members can choose from the many journals and sources that CANO/ACIO has identified as potential interests to CANO/ACIO members, which are indicated at the top of the screen. Members can also scroll to the bottom of the page to view and select from the many other journals available on Sosido. Sosido members can select and/or de-select as many journals and sources as they would like to receive feeds from in their weekly Sosido Digest.

In addition to selecting journal feeds into their Sosido Digest, Sosido members can select other Sosido groups to follow in their weekly Sosido Digest. When selecting this option, Sosido members external to the group (e.g., not having membership within the
Sosido members can post questions and answers to CANO/ACIO members in the Q&A feature of the Sosido platform. To post questions and answers, members must log into the Sosido platform at www.sosido.com. Once logged in, members click on the “Q&A” box on the left side of their screen to enter the Q&A section. On the top of the next screen, members can click on the “Ask a new question” box that will open a white text box wherein the member’s question can be posted. In addition to the main question, members can provide additional text below the question. This additional text is useful to provide context for CANO/ACIO members and increase the likelihood of your question being answered. Members also have the option to attach relevant files. For individuals holding membership in more than one Sosido group (e.g., having CANO/ACIO and CAPO memberships), they can select to which Sosido group they would like to post their question. To complete the process and post the question to the group, the member will click “Create Question”. The question will be sent out in the next Sosido Digest, and responses to the question will be sent via email to the individual who posed the question.

To answer a question posted by a member in your Sosido group(s), simply click “View and Discuss” beside the question within the Sosido Digest. Alternatively, Sosido members can log into www.sosido.com using their email and password. Once logged in, members click on the “Q&A” box on the left side of their screen to enter the Q&A section. On the right side of the next screen, Sosido members can view all of the questions posed by Sosido members in their group(s). Members can answer a question by clicking on a question, which opens a white text box into which the member can type their response. A file can also be attached if desired. To complete the process and post the response, click “Post reply”. The response will be emailed to the person who posted the question and logged in the discussion section of the question. When the discussion is complete, the entire discussion will be emailed to all who participated.

In Summary

The Sosido platform hosts useful tools that facilitate the ability of busy healthcare professionals to remain current in their field. These tools are customizable and simplify knowledge dissemination and collaboration within and among professional associations. For a full list of tutorials about how to customize your use of Sosido’s features, please see http://blog.sosido.com/about/video-tutorials/

NOTE: At the time of this writing (April 2019), the information contained in this document was current. For up-to-date details about Sosido, please visit www.sosido.com or email contact@sosido.com.