

Oncology

This Learning Pathway contains training and tools to help oncology professionals meet ASCO clinical practice guidelines for palliative care concurrent with oncology care. It includes continuing education courses in how to communicate with cancer patients about their goals of care and support difficult decision-making, address caregiver burden, and when to refer to specialty palliative care.

Discussing Serious News

Learn best practices for having patient-centered conversations about a serious illness diagnosis.

Discussing Prognosis With Patients and Caregivers

Learn how to effectively discuss prognosis with patients and their caregivers.

Clarifying Patient Goals of Care

Learn best practices for building trust, eliciting patient values, and having patient-centered conversations about goals of care.

Leading a Patient and Caregiver Meeting

Learn to effectively lead meetings that help patients and caregivers become aligned around the patient's goals.

Care Planning

Learn techniques to help patients and their caregivers plan for the future, both during the early stages of a serious illness and as a disease progresses.

Billing and Coding for Advance Care Planning (ACP) Services

Requirements, best practices, documentation requirements, and time thresholds for Advance Care Planning (ACP) services. Center to Advance Palliative Care, January 2024.

CAPC Palliative Care Referral Criteria

Checklist of triggers for referral to a specialty palliative care team.

Course 14: Pain Management: Putting it All Together

Safe opioid prescribing for patients with serious illness, using the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Guidelines for the Chronic Use of Opioid Analgesics.

Supporting the Family Caregiver: The Burden of Serious Illness

Assessing and supporting caregivers of people with serious illness.

'I Don't Want Jenny To Think I'm Abandoning Her': Views On Overtreatment

A palliative care physician helps a cancer patient cope with her coming death, while her oncologist struggles to give up treatment. Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP. Health Affairs Blog, 2014.

Reducing Risks for Older Adults

This course provides context and best practices for identifying older adults at risk for poor outcomes, including falls, delirium, and caregiving challenges.

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