Shared Decision Making in Cancer Care? A Patient’s Perspective

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...we will not benefit fully from our unless we can participate knowledgably and actively in it.
…find good health care and get the most from it
FIND SAFE AND DECENT HEALTH CARE

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR DOCTORS

ORGANIZE YOUR HEALTH CARE
PAY FOR YOUR HEALTH CARE

MAKE GOOD TREATMENT DECISIONS

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR TREATMENT
PROMOTE YOUR HEALTH

GET PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE

PLAN FOR YOUR END OF LIFE CARE

SEEK KNOWLEDGE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH
Week 1
Week 3
Week 4
Week 5
...because we need a good model.
1. Information and evidence about tests and treatments are a critical component of many health care decisions.
2. Patients and caregivers can understand evidence and can use it to help us weigh our options.
3. Providers can discuss available evidence – what is known, where it is lacking and what that means – with patients.
4. Patients are explicitly invited to participate in the decisions about our care (even if that participation consists of delegating decision-making to a caregiver or physician).
5. The *opinions and preferences* of patients – informed by our understanding of the evidence – should shape and determine the tests we take and the treatment we undergo.
Shared decision provides an aspirational model for cancer care.
My participation was enabled and expected

My choices guided my treatment

We worked together to ease my suffering.
Cancer care must incorporate the model and the values of shared decision making.