Cancer Care In Low Resource Areas
Our Safety Net: Health Centers
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Agenda

• Overview: Community Health Centers
• Role of Community Health Centers in Cancer Care
• Challenges
• Promising Approaches
Health Center Program Fundamentals

• Provide **high quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care**, as well as **supportive services** such as education, translation, and transportation that promote access to health care

• Community-based organizations with autonomous, **patient-majority** governing boards

• Focus on **underserved** populations and communities

• Respond to individual **needs of community**

• **Diverse** in size, capacity, populations served, and staff
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Patients

24,295,946
PATIENTS SERVED

188,852
HEALTH CENTER EMPLOYEES

1 IN 13
PEOPLE IN THE US

1 IN 10
CHILDREN IN THE US

1,191,772
HOMELESS

910,172
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

649,132
SCHOOL-BASED

1,510,842
PUBLIC HOUSING

305,520
VETERANS

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National Impact

Health Centers Serve a High Proportion of Low-Income, Minority and Uninsured Patients

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<td>At or Below 200% of Poverty</td>
<td>33.9%</td>
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Role of Community Health Centers in Cancer Care

**Primary Care: Continuous Trusting Relationship**

- Screening and prevention
- Referrals for specialty care/procedures
- Wrap around services
- Patient Centered Medical Home
  - Patient centered, continuous care
  - Population Management
  - Behavioral Health Integration
  - Care coordination/management
  - Quality Improvement

Chronic disease management: Survivorship
CQM: Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening

Goal: 70.5%

Baseline 2012 2013 2014 2015
52.1% 30.2% 32.6% 34.5% 38.4%
Challenges

- Lack of insurance/underinsurance
- Social Determinants of Health
- Co-morbid conditions
  - Behavioral health/substance use disorders
- Transitions in care/care coordination
- Health literacy/Health beliefs
Promising Approaches

• Linkage to Care Pilots
• Community Health Workers/Patient Navigators
• Medical Neighborhood
  – Transportation support
  – Care management/care coordination
  – NCQA Patient Centered Specialty Practice Recognition
  – Public health/primary care integration
• Behavioral Health Integration
• Quality Improvement: Cancer related performance measures
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