IOM Committee on Improving the Quality of Cancer Care: Addressing the Challenge of an Aging Population

Sponsor Comments – Commission on Cancer

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Commission on Cancer: Our Mission

The CoC is a consortium of 49 professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.
CoC Programs Treat Most Americans with Cancer

• Over 70% of cancer patients treated through CoC Accredited Programs - > 1,000,000 / yr

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• Noted that the quality of cancer care varies in the United States.
• Recommended that:
  • Data systems be strengthened
  • Quality care measures be established.
  • Performance on measures be monitored.
  • Benchmarks be established for quality improvement.
  • Reporting mechanisms or report cards be developed to promote improvement of care at the local level.
CoC Response to the Challenge

- Culture of quality
- Standards
- Collaboration / Partnership
- Education
- Data
- Quality measurement
- Quality reporting
Cancer Program Accreditation

• Accreditation Standards
  – Leadership; Commitment
  – Comprehensive Services
  – Multidisciplinary care
  – Data collection and reporting
  – Quality improvement

• On-site audit every 3 years.
Patient Focused Standards: Broad Support

- Navigation
- Survivorship care planning
- Genetics services
- Distress monitoring
- Palliative care services
Data Collection: National Cancer Data Base

• Aggregation of the cancer registry data from CoC accredited programs

• Objectives
  – Surveillance; Evaluation of patterns of care
  – Active quality management
  • Reporting of quality metrics
  • Real time patient tracking - Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS)
  • Survivorship care plan generation; collecting patient-reported data (in development)
Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS)

- Provides “real clinical time” assessment of adherence to National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsed quality of care measures
- Assure patients get care within specified time frame
- Only system nationally for treatment tracking
- Implemented Sept 2011
- Already in use at over 350 programs
Public Reporting of Quality

• CoC reports case volume by cancer site and stage
• Developing programs to report quality metrics and outcome (survival)

• CMS program for public reporting for PPS-Exempt Cancer Centers
  – Will be based on the NCDB RQRS system
  – May serve as platform for broad national system
Challenges with the Aging Population

• Well defined by prior speakers

• Clearly increasing and different needs

• Care coordination; survivorship issues beyond core cancer treatment

• Resource limitations
  – Access; workforce; others
Need for Research

• Cancer in older ≠ Cancer in younger

• Limited data in clinical trials
  – Must promote trials
  – Comparative effectiveness studies
  – Patient-centered outcomes

• Tailor therapy to personal circumstances
  – Omitting therapy based on age alone not appropriate
  – Accounting for biology, age, and personal situation is appropriate
The CoC Can Help

• Provide data for evaluation of cancer care
  – NCDB data are now available for widespread use by research community

• Implement standards defined by the IOM for cancer care in older Americans
  – Penetration across entire health care system

• Identify and test new models of care used nationally
The CoC Can Help

• Research
  – Implement special studies through National Cancer Data Base
    • Added data elements; coordination with registries nationwide
  – CoC partner with ALLIANCE trials group
  – Convener for survey of patients and programs
Expansion of Informatics Tools at CoC to Support IOM Recommendations

• Expand quality metrics and reporting program

• Fully implement and expand care tracking
  – Increase scope
  – Enhance linkage with administrative / EHR data

• Develop and implement national system for survivorship care planning and patient reported outcomes collection
Conclusion

• The CoC has robust programs that have “come of age” to support cancer patients

• The CoC strongly supports and is prepared to help with your efforts
  – Use CoC / NCDB data and tools to help you in developing your report
  – Programs, scope, influence and means to help implement your recommendations.