# 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







#### PAY FOR YOUR HEALTH CARE



#### MAKE GOOD TREATMENT DECISIONS







#### 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.



# Information and evidence about tests and treatments are a *critical component* of many health care decisions.



Patients and caregivers can understand evidence and can use it to help us weigh our options.



Providers can discuss

available evidence — what

is known, where it is

lacking and what that

means — with patients.



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).



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.

