Current and Projected Trends of the Cancer Careforce

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Overview of Presentation

- Supply and Demand for Oncologist Services
- Understanding the Roles of Advanced Practice Providers
- Geographic Distribution of Oncology Practices
- NCI-ASCO Teams in Cancer Care Delivery
- Perspectives of Cancer Survivors



ASCO Workforce Studies – 2007 and 2014



Percentage of Oncologists by Age Group



Source: ASCO Workforce Information System

Understanding the Role of Advanced Practice Providers in Oncology in the United States – Major Findings

- Even more challenging to identify APPs engaged in specialty care than physicians
 - Oncology APPs: 5,350-7000
- Oncology APPs contribute significantly to patient care with a wide array of patient care activities
 - 85% is the median of time spent on patient care [insert range and # of respondents]
- Most oncology APPs practice either independently (28%) or in combined visits (65%)
 - Minority (7.5%) report only shared visits
- Satisfaction levels of oncology APPs are very high
 - Working in oncology (90%), practice model (80% NP/76% PA), compensation (67% NP/65% PA)
- Collaboration and teamwork are key to clinical practice and research!



Oncology Practices by Size





Source: Kirkwood et al. The State of Oncology Practice in America, 2018: Results of the ASCO Practice Census Survey. J Oncol Pract 2018

Analysis of 2018 Medicare Data

- 12,441 U.S. hematologists and/or medical oncologists
 - 6,481 other adult subspecialty oncologists
- 1,759 practices with at least one hematologist and/or medical oncologist
 - 783 (45%) practices have 1-2 hem/oncs
 - 774 (44%) have multiple sites of care
 - 283 (16%) have at least one hem/onc practicing in a rural location
 - 226 practices (80%) > 20% of hem/oncs at rural sites
 - 89 practices (31%) 100% rural sites
 - 740 (42%) practices offer other oncology specialties





Source: CMS Physician Compare https://data.medicare.gov/data/physician-compare; unpublished analysis by M. Kelsey Kirkwood, ASCO

Zip Code Correlates to Health Outcomes

Proximity to Cancer Care in Rural Areas

Rural patients are nearly



as likely to say there **aren't enough cancer doctors** near them as non-rural patients

Rural patients typically spend



more time traveling one way to see their cancer doctor than those in non-rural areas





ASCO National Cancer Opinion Survey www.asco.org/research-progress/reports-studies/national-cancer-opinion-survey

NCI-ASCO: Teams in Cancer Care Delivery

- Clinical Teams: "two or more people who interact dynamically, interdependently, and adaptively to achieve a common goal shared within the context of some larger group or organization"
- Oncology Challenge Teams of Teams
- Do patient and caregivers want to be part of team?
 - Not IF, but HOW & they are MVP
- Project Elements:
 - NCI Systematic Review of Literature on Team Science (Taplin SH, et al. JOP 2015)
 - 19 Writing Teams Patients, Clinicians, Team Scientists
 - Presentations at NCI-ASCO Workshop (02.2016)
 - Special Series of JOP (11.2016)





Creating the Conditions

for Implementing Team

A.L. Vogel and K.L. Hall

Principles in Cancer Care

National Cance	r Institute-American
Society of Clinic	cal Oncology
Teams in Cance	r Care Project
M.P. Kosty et al	

Team Science in Cancer Care: Questions, an Observation, and a Caution

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Endocrine Therapy in
Premenopausal Hormone
Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer
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Cancer Cachexia: Beyond Weight Loss

Current Role of Surgery in the Management of Oropharyngeal Cancer M.T. Turner et dl



Potential Consequences if Patient/Careforce NOT *Feeling* Like a Part of Team



Platinum Rule – How does the patient/careforce want to be included.

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TAPUR Updates on Patient Cohort Expansions and Closures

ASCO's Targeted Agent and Profiling Utilization Regist

Appendix Slides



Background

- ASCO uses the CMS Medicare Physician Compare research file to quantify and characterize the U.S. oncology workforce, publishing annual findings in the Workforce Information System on <u>asco.org</u>
 - Physician Compare includes demographic information on all providers who billed Medicare within the prior 12 months
 - Because the majority of new cancers are diagnosed in the Medicare-aged population, it is a good source for identifying oncologists providing care to adult patients across all states
- In 2018, ASCO published a first-time analysis of oncology practices using practice-level data from Physician Compare doi.org/10.1200/JOP.18.00149



Physician Compare: Data Limitations

- Captures information on providers and practices billing Medicare and therefore excludes pediatric specialties, VA, pharmaceutical companies, etc
- Administrative database populated by providers/practices for billing
 - E.g., MD Anderson uses one organization entity for all 1,700 providers, whereas Memorial Sloan Kettering uses ~10 entities. Where we can identify multiple entities per organization, we consolidate them to one
- Providers can bill using multiple practices (10% of oncologists use >1)
- Many possible definitions of oncology practice
 - Practice with a hematologist/oncologist as primary specialty vs. practice with a physician having any oncology specialty listed as primary or secondary specialty



Patient Care: Time and Activities

- Majority of time on direct patient care (NP-85% and PA-80%)
- Most Common Activities: Patient Counseling, Prescribing, Treatment Management, Follow-up Care
 - PA more likely to 1) evaluate new patients, 2) perform procedures, 3) round inpatient, 4) assist in surgery
 - No experience-related difference in types, but less experienced spend greater time in patient care

