

Pascack Valley Hospital
Cancer Committee
2006 Goals and Objectives

Clinical Goal:

To increase our National ONS Certified Chemotherapy and Bio-therapy from four to six nurses.

June 2006: Between May and June 2006 20/21 nurses became ONS Chemotherapy and Bio-therapy certified. The last nurse will pursue the certification in the fall of 2006.

November 2006: Six additional nurses were ONS Chemotherapy and Bio-therapy certified. One nurse was AOCN certified. We increased our OCN nurses by fifty percent.

Quality Improvement Goal:

1. To improve the timeliness of administering chemotherapy.
 - a. Develop and initiate a Chemotherapy Medication Order Form in advance.

July 2006: A pre-copy of the medication form was sent to MIS to make a plan to put in MISYS.

September 2006: Pre-designated protocols installed in the Misys computer system is now the goal for replacing the Chemotherapy Medication Form. Medical Oncologist, Unit Nursing, Pharmacy and IT are meeting to accomplish this goal.

November 2006. Pre-designated protocols were given to MISYS for installation. Fifteen drug names were also given to them. Once installed, the system will be tested by nursing and physicians before going "live."

2. To maintain a 95% or better patient satisfaction rating for Radiation Oncology Department.

September 2006: Radiation Oncology has consistently received 95% satisfaction rating or higher.

November 2006: Same as above. This goal has been achieved and will not be followed by the Cancer Committee in 2007.

Community Outreach Goal:

To increase breast cancer and prostate cancer awareness in the community. Community Outreach Services participated in 12 prostate screenings and 7 breast cancer education seminars in 2005. The goal is to increase this by 20%. This can be achieved by adding 2 tabletop displays or 2 lectures on BSE and 2 more PSA screenings. An additional lecture on BSE is already scheduled for March 1, 2006.

June 2006: Multiple PSA screenings have been performed in the community.

September 2006: "Breast Health" lecture and seven BSE table top displays with education have been done in the community with a total of 423 participants.

November 2006: 27 cancer screenings/programs were offered in 2006. This is a 42% increase in the number of programs offered as compared to 2005.

Programmatic Goal:

Strive to earn the CoC Outstanding Achievement Award when our survey is due, May, 2006.

July 2006- Pascack Valley Hospital's Cancer Program achieved Approval with Commendation for our survey done on May 10, 2006.