Dear Cancer Liaison Physicians:

I hope the year is going well for you and you are enjoying the summer.

Please save the dates for the following Commission on Cancer (CoC) meetings this fall:

**CLP Virtual Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 3:30 to 4:30 pm CT**
Don’t miss the next national CLP meeting, where we’ll review the latest updates from the CoC, including important news and information relevant to your role as your Cancer Program’s CLP. Registration is required for this meeting: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9024288288948157452](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9024288288948157452)

**CoC Plenary Session and 100th Anniversary Reception: Sunday, October 16, San Diego, CA**
These meetings, held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2022 in San Diego, are scheduled for the afternoon of October 16. Additional details regarding these events will be sent soon.

The following are a few recent updates that I hope you’ll find useful in your role as the CLP for your program.

**NCDB Announces New Breast Quality Measure**
The CoC National Cancer Database (NCDB) has released a new breast quality measure:
- **BCSdx**—Breast measure: First therapeutic breast surgery in a non-neoadjuvant setting is performed within 60 days of diagnosis for patients with American Joint Committee on Cancer Clinical Stage I-III breast cancer

This quality measure will be included in the Rapid Cancer Reporting System (RCRS) and will **not** be reviewed for compliance for Standard 7.1.

The measure’s specifications, including the case eligibility and numerator criteria, have been posted to the RCRS Library. If you have questions regarding the new quality measure, please post them to the CAnswer Forum.

**Changes to User Access for RCRS**
Access to the RCRS is now limited to those who have the role of “Uploader” or “Report Viewer” at a CoC-accredited program. Anyone who has an accreditation role listed in the Site Contacts section of the Quality Portal, but does not also have the role of report viewer or uploader, will lose access to RCRS.

To confirm that all necessary RCRS users at your program have an uploader or report viewer role assigned, log into the Quality Portal, click on Data Platform Contacts, and review the list of active users. If access is needed for an individual, the site’s primary contact may request it through the Data Platform Contacts section of the Quality Portal.

Questions may be submitted to CoC@facs.org

**New Resources Available in Operative Standards Toolkit**
The updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on the CoC Operative Standards is now available in the Operative Standards Toolkit. This comprehensive document addresses topics such as compliance, implementation, and synoptic reporting and includes questions specific to each standard.

In addition, the Cancer Surgery Standards Program (CSSP) has developed flowcharts to assist programs with assessing their own compliance for Standard 5.7 (Total Mesorectal Excision) and Standard 5.8 (Pulmonary Resection). These flowcharts are a new resource for CoC-accredited programs and can be used to help with performing self-audits or as an educational tool. Self-audits are not required for compliance; however, programs are encouraged to perform audits to identify, acknowledge, and remedy any compliance gaps. Both flowcharts can be found in the Operative Standards Toolkit.

Standards 5.7 and 5.8 took full effect on January 1, 2021 and are being assessed for compliance during site visits in 2022. The CSSP will continue to develop additional educational materials on the implementation of Operative Standards. Added resources will be announced via Cancer Programs News as they become available.

Questions on the CoC Operative Standards can be sent to CSSP@facs.org.

ACS Cancer Accreditation Programs Conference Content Now Available
The virtual-only ACS Cancer Accreditation Programs: Continually Advancing Quality Cancer Care conference is now available on-demand. With almost 30 unique sessions to choose from, the conference was designed to improve cancer program operations by examining requirements and compliance strategies for the CoC Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards) and the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC) Optimal Resources for Rectal Cancer Care (2020 Standards). A key component of the content is a preview of the new National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) standards found in Optimal Resources for Breast Care, to be released in 2022.

Registered conference participants will also have the opportunity to participate in three live Q & A webinars held this fall:

- NAPBC webinar on September 21
- CoC webinar on September 28
- NAPRC webinar on October 6

The conference agenda, registration link, and additional information can be found on the conference web pages.

New CLP Awards Program
Now in its second year, the CoC Cancer Liaison Physician Award program received 87 nominations for this year’s award, which recognizes outstanding performance by CLPs in their role as the physician quality leaders of their cancer programs. The CoC State Chairs CLP Education Advisory Group will choose the 2022 winners, who will be recognized at the October CoC Plenary Session.

Thank you for all you do as your cancer program’s CLP to improve the quality of care for cancer patients. Please contact your CoC State Chair anytime with any questions about the CoC or your program’s accreditation.