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Introducing our Moderator

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Introducing our Presenter

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Today’s Discussion

• CoC Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials

• CoC Standard 4.8 Survivorship Program

• Standards Requiring Annual Review
Before we begin - PHI Reminders

- Medical records—even if de-identified—and Protected Health Information (PHI) **cannot** be uploaded to the PRQ/QPort.
  - This includes pathology reports for CoC review

- Medical records can only be provided by a HIPAA-secure platform provided by your program

- Example of PHI, include, **but are not limited**, to
  - Patient name or initials
  - Patient ID numbers
  - Contact information (address, street name, phone, e-mail, etc.)
  - Social Security or Driver’s license number
  - Insurance details
  - Birth dates
  - **Treatment dates**

- Programs must provide their own videoconferencing **and** file sharing for the site visit
  - All sensitive information, including PHI, must be encrypted.

- Questions about what is considered PHI should be submitted to your hospital’s privacy office
“You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there”

Yogi Berra
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

Originally a Phase in Standard

• Compliance required as of January 1, 2021

• Reviewed starting with the 2022 site reviews
Requirements

• All registered nurses and advanced practice nurses providing direct oncology care must demonstrate one of the following:
  • Current cancer-specific certification in the nurse’s specialty by an accredited certification program or
  • Earn 36 cancer-related continuing education nursing contact hours (CNE’s/CMEs) over a three-year site review cycle
Examples of Nursing Certifications

**Oncology Nursing Certifications**

Oncology nursing certifications that qualify for this standard include, but are not limited to:

- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP®)
- Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (AOCNS®)
- Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse (AOCN®)
- Blood & Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN®)
- Certified Pediatric Hematology Oncology Nurse (CPHON®)
- Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON®)
- Certified Breast Care Nurse (CBCN®)
- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN®)
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

Applies to RNs and APRNs who provide direct oncology care:

• Nurses on a medical oncology unit who give chemotherapy
• Nurses in radiation oncology
• Nurse navigators
• Nurses on a dedicated cancer ward or clinic within the facility
• RNs, APRNs and nurse navigators who work on a dedicated oncology unit, ambulatory cancer care, infusion center, radiation oncology or in a dedicated cancer clinic or center employed by the institution

The credits need to be accrued beginning January 1 after the person’s date of hire
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

The standard **does not** apply to:

- Nurses that work on non-dedicated oncology units
- Nursing administrators not providing direct oncology patient care
- Nurses in the hospital who might have occasional contact with cancer patients, for example:
  - emergency room
  - operating room
  - recovery
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

PRQ Documentation

• Complete and submit Oncology Nursing Credentials Template – Standard 4.2

• Policy and procedure describing that oncology nursing competency will be evaluated each year

• A roster of nursing certification status for all nurses providing direct oncology care AND documentation of 36 cancer-related continuing education nursing contact hours for each nurse providing direct oncology care who does not hold a cancer-specific certification.
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

This standard is currently in place and your site will be evaluated as follows:

• 2022 site reviews – a minimum of 12 CNE’s/CMEs
• 2023 site reviews – a minimum of 24 CNE’s/CMEs
• 2024 site reviews and beyond – a minimum of 36 CNE’s/CMEs
CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials

- For 2022 and 2023 site reviews, CNEs earned during 2020 **MAY** be counted towards the total

- Nurses in the process of obtaining a cancer-specific certification do not need to submit documentation of cancer-related continuing education but must provide documentation of progress toward certification
“You can observe a lot just by watching.”

Yogi Berra
Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program

Phase in Standard
• Compliance required as of January 1, 2021, and this standard is part of the 2022 review

Requirements
The cancer committee:
• Oversees the development and implementation of a survivorship program directed at meeting the needs of cancer patients treated with curative intent
• Appoints a coordinator of the survivorship program as listed in Standard 2.1:
  • The coordinator may be a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, nurse, social worker (OSW-C preferred), nurse navigator, therapist, or other licensed health care provider
Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program

Requirements

- The survivorship program coordinator develops a survivorship program team. Suggested specialties include:
  - Physicians
  - Advanced practice providers
  - Nurses
  - Social workers
  - Nutritionists
  - Physical therapists
  - Other allied health professionals
Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program

Survivorship Team
Identifies a minimum of three of services and programs, offered on-site or by referral, addressing cancer survivor needs. For example:

- Formalized referrals to various experts
- Treatment summaries
- Rehabilitation services
- Physical activity programs
- Screening for new cancers
- Screening programs for cancer recurrence
- Psychological support & psychiatric services
- Formalized referrals to various experts

Nutritional services
Seminars for survivors
Survivorship care plans
Financial support services
Support groups and services

Services may be continued year to year, programs should strive to enhance existing services over time and develop new services to meet the needs of cancer survivors.
Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program

PRQ Documentation

- Policy and procedure defining the survivorship program requirements
- Cancer committee minutes that document the required yearly evaluations of the survivorship program
- Each year, the survivorship program coordinator provides a report, and the cancer committee reviews the activities of the survivorship program that includes:
  - A review of the three selected services
  - Identification of the resources needed to improve the services if barriers were encountered
  - An estimate of the number of cancer patients who participated in the three identified services
“No, I don't go to that restaurant anymore. No body goes there. It's too crowded.”

Yogi Berra
CoC Standards Requiring Annual Review – General Information

• This report/evaluation is based on activity from a calendar year (1/1-12/31)

• Presented in November or December of the current year or at the first meeting of the following year
  • For example: an evaluation on 2021 Genetic Counseling and Risk Assessment can be given in November or December of 2021 or the first meeting in 2022

• A site can present the status of the reports/evaluations at the November/December meeting of the current year and the complete report at the first meeting of the following year

• The designated alternate may present a report
Cancer Conference Coordinator Report submitted and documented in the cancer committee minutes

Report includes activity for the calendar year:

- Cancer case conference frequency
- Attendance based upon defined policy
- Number of cases presented and percentage of prospective cases
- Elements of discussion (e.g. stage, eligibility for genetic testing, research studies, and supportive care)
- Action plan to resolve areas that do not meet the requirements
Cancer committee minutes that document the yearly evaluation that includes:

- Review of the policy and procedure
- Number of patients needing referrals for a selected cancer site
- Number of patients identified as needing referrals who received a referral
Cancer committee minutes that document the yearly evaluation that includes:

- The approximate number of patients referred for palliative care (what services and resources)
- Discuss the criteria that trigger the referral
- Discuss areas for improvement, such as barriers to access, addition of palliative care services, improving timeliness of referrals
CoC Standard 4.6 Rehabilitation Care Services

Each calendar year the cancer committee:

- Develops policies and procedures to guide referral to appropriate rehabilitation care
- Monitors, evaluates, and makes recommendations for improvements. The content of the review and any recommendations are documented in the cancer committee minutes
Each calendar year the cancer committee monitors, evaluates, and makes recommendations for improvements to onsite oncology and nutrition services and/or referral services. The content of the review and any recommendations are documented in the cancer committee minutes.
Each calendar year the Survivorship Program Coordinator (or alternate) provides a report that is reviewed by the cancer committee that includes:

- An estimate of the number of patients that participated in the three identified services for the calendar year
- Identification of resources that might be needed to improve the services if barriers were encountered
The Psychosocial Services Coordinator prepares an annual report to the cancer committee that includes, but is not limited to:

- Number of patients screened
- Number of patients referred for distress resources or other follow-up
- Where patients were referred (onsite or referral)
CoC Standard 6.1 Cancer Registry Quality Control

Each calendar year:

• The cancer committee implements a quality control policy and procedure to evaluate the required areas of the cancer registry

• The Quality Control Coordinator performs or oversees the required quality control review

• The results, recommendations and outcomes of recommendations are reported to the cancer committee and documented in the minutes
CoC Standard 8.1 Addressing Barriers to Care

Each calendar year:

- the cancer committee identifies barriers specific to the cancer program and chooses one to focus on (e.g. gaps in community resources, identified populations in need, uninsured or underinsured, health care provider shortages)

- Committee minutes document a report that includes:
  - Barrier that was chosen for the calendar year
  - Resource(s) utilized to identify and address the barrier
  - Metrics related to outcomes of reducing the chosen barrier
CoC Standard 8.2  Cancer Prevention Event

An event summary is presented and documented in the cancer committee minutes that includes the:

- Cancer site that the event focused on for the calendar year
- Partner organization (if applicable)
- Target audience
- Evidence based guidelines used in planning the event
- Type of prevention event held
CoC Standard 8.3  Cancer Screening Event

An event summary of the event is presented and documented in the cancer committee minutes each year that includes the:

- Cancer site that the event focused on for the calendar year
- Partner organization (if applicable)
- Target audience
- Evidence based guidelines used in planning
- Type of event
- Process of follow up for all positive findings
CoC Standard 9.1 Clinical Research Accrual

Each calendar year the Clinical Research Coordinator report is documented in the cancer committee and includes:

- Specific clinical research studies where patients were accrued for the calendar year
- Number of patients accrued to each individual clinical research study
- Open clinical research studies with specific identification of those nearing an end date
- New trials to be added
- If the percentages were not met include the report identifies contributing factors and an action plan to address those factors
Where to Find More Information

CoC Standards and Resources

Frequently Asked Questions on 2020 Standards

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) hosted an introductory webinar on the Optimal Resources for Cancer Care (2020 Standards) as well as an educational summit in Chicago in November 2019. We gathered questions from participants on the 2020 standards and answered them in a series of Frequency Asked Questions (FAQ) documents organized by chapter, along with questions specific to Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials and Standards 5.3-5.8 Operative Standards. The FAQs have been supplemented as more questions are received. The most recent updates were made in September 2021. Additional questions on the 2020 Standards can be submitted directly through the CAnswer Forum.

Frequently Asked Question Documents

Chapter 1 (Updated September 2021)
Chapter 2 (Updated September 2021)
Chapter 3 (Updated September 2021)
Chapter 4 (Updated September 2021)
Oncology Nursing Credentials (Updated July 2021)
Chapter 5-6: Standards 5.1, 5.2, and 6.1 (Updated September 2021)
Operative Standards (Updated April 2021)
Chapter 7 (Updated September 2021)
Chapter 8 (Updated September 2021)
Chapter 9 (Updated September 2021)

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“I’d like to thank all the people who made this day necessary”

Yogi Berra
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May 20-22, 2022
Denver, Colorado

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ACS Quality and Safety Conference
July 15-18, 2022
Chicago, Illinois
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- AJCC yc Stage Classification—When and How to Use
- Registrar’s Guide to Updating Radiation Data Items
- AJCC Cervix Uteri – Version 9 Cancer Staging System
- *Survivorship Program: Standard 4.8
- *Operative Standards for Cancer Surgery: Standards 5.3-5.8
- *Taking the Mystery Out of QI Projects Per Standard 7.3: A How-to Guide
- *Oncology Nursing Credentials: Standard 4.2
- NAPRC: Practical Tips, Pearls, and Advice from the Trenches PART 1 and 2
- *Surgical Emergencies in Advanced Cancer Patients
- *Surgical Oncology for the General Surgeon
- *Pelvic MRI for Rectal Cancer: Tips on Interpretation
- CAnswer Forum LIVE – 2019-2021

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