ASCVO Announces the Fourteen Practices Participating in the 2016 Quality Training Program

Program is aimed at training oncology providers to enhance their quality of care
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) announced today the 14 practices participating in the 2016 Quality Training Program. The program is designed to train oncology health care providers to investigate and implement data-driven quality improvement and manage clinical and administrative processes and outcomes.

“One of the most important tenets of ASCO’s mission is to promote the highest-quality patient care, and a significant component of that is aiding oncology providers in meeting and exceeding quality standards,” said Daniel F. Hayes, MD, FASCO. “The Quality Training Program allows practices to seek and receive guidance on holistically assessing and improving systemic areas of the care they provide.”

Practices that participate in the Quality Training Program must apply, and those selected must demonstrate a commitment of time and resources and undergo an extensive and rigorous review process by the program’s selection committee. This year’s class is comprised of team members from:

- Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center – Multiple locations in Arizona
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation – Cleveland, Ohio
- Contemporary Oncology Team – Athens, Greece
- Grady Health System – Atlanta, Georgia
The Quality Training Program is centered around five days of in-person learning over six months, as well as hands-on learning at the participants’ practices. The program’s faculty, coaches, and participants are all renowned practitioners in oncology and quality improvement. The physicians and other professionals (nurses, pharmacists) who attend are eligible to receive continuing education (CME) credits. In addition, going through the program can help teams adjust for the changing reimbursement environment based on quality.

The 2015 QTP led to many successes at the practices where the participants worked. Here are three examples, each from a different practice:[1]

- Decreased the number of oncology patients utilizing the emergency room by 60%
- Improved the percentage of symptom management calls being addressed within two hours from 48% to 73%

The applications for the 2017 program will open in March. Find more information on how to apply.

[1] /training-education/professional-development/quality-training-program/quality-improvement-projects

About ASCO:

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