The State of Oncology Practice in America reports on important trends in oncology practice ownership, practice concerns, along with details on the size, geographic distribution, and number of practices. This report is part of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) State of Cancer Care in America series, which is published in the *Journal of Oncology Practice*.

**TOP ONCOLOGY PRESSURES**

- 58% of surveyed practices say payer pressures are a top concern
- 76% Prior authorizations
- 62% Coverage denials/appeals

**OTHER TOP CONCERNS:**

- 39% Competitive pressures
- 37% Staffing issues
- 36% Electronic health records
- 36% Increasing expenses

**CONSOLIDATION CONTINUES**

- 25% of practices grew (18% shrunk) from 2016 to 2017
- 9.4% decrease in practices from 2013 to 2017 (2,248 total oncology practices in the U.S.)

Yet the number of oncologists increased by 9.5% from 2013 (12,423 total U.S.-based oncologists)

**DESPITE CONSOLIDATION, MOST PRACTICES REMAIN SMALL**

- 76% employ 1-5 oncologists
- 21% employ 6-40 oncologists
- 3% employ 41+ oncologists
- 72% have 1 site
- 25% have 2-5 sites
- 4% have 6+

**EVERCHANGING ONCOLOGY PRACTICE LANDSCAPE**

- 18% of practices opened a new site
- 9% of practices merged/joint venture
- 8% of practices purchased a site
- 7% of practices closed a site
- 2% of practices sold a site

**GETTING READY FOR MIPS**

- 34% Unsure
- 8% Unprepared
- 58% of oncology practices prepared to comply with MIPS

**CANCER CARE IN RURAL AND SOUTHERN U.S.**

- 7% of oncologists practice in rural areas
- 19% of the U.S. population resides in rural areas
- 38% of new cancer cases were diagnosed in the South

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1. Data is based on annual ASCO Practice Census of 394 oncology practices (18% of total oncology practices in the United States) and analysis of the April 2017 Physician Compare research file.
2. Practices were able to select more than one option
3. Merit-based Incentive Payment System