



ACCC RADIATION ONCOLOGY PRE-CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Washington Hilton, DC



REGISTER TODAY!

11:00 – 11:30 AM	Registration
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Networking Lunch
12:00 – 12:05 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Mark Sobczak, MD, Clinical Director, Radiation Oncology, <i>Fox Chase Cancer Center</i>
12:05 – 12:50 PM	Radiation Oncology Alternative Payment Models: What You Need to Do to Succeed Under the Radiation Oncology (RO) Model Anne Hubbard, MBA, Director, Health Policy, <i>American Society for Radiation Oncology</i> Vivek Kavadi, MD, <i>US Oncology</i> A brief overview of the RO Model to include key components, reporting requirements, and reimbursement implications. Then learn practical, actionable strategies for cancer programs that want to succeed under this and other alternative payment models.
12:50 – 1:35 PM	Protecting Your Radiation Oncology Service Line During the Transition to Value-Based Care Amar Rewari, MD, MBA, Partner, <i>Associates in Radiation Medicine, PC</i> ; Radiation Oncologist, <i>Adventist HealthCare, Radiation Oncology Centers</i> Practical strategies to help radiation oncology programs successfully navigate recent federal policy changes and challenges related to E&M visits, supervision requirement, c-APCs, prior authorizations, and including how these changes will impact practice.
1:35 – 2:20 PM	Onboarding New Clinics and Implementing Radiation Oncology Procedures and Policies System-Wide Bryan Schmalhofer, MBA, RT(R)(T) Onboarding established radiation oncology cancer centers into a new health system's organizational culture, mission, and vision is challenging. While some employee resistance to change and/or lack of engagement is expected, the technical and highly precise nature of radiation oncology treatment planning and delivery makes onboarding even more complex. Integration efforts must be approached through a lens that focuses on patient quality and safety. Policies and procedures must be evaluated individually and from a system perspective, with input and evaluation from all key stakeholders. Learn strategies for integrating and transitioning different care team members—physicians, nurses, physicists, dosimetrists, radiation therapists, and ancillary and front office staff—while daily operations and clinic workflows continue. Hear why strategic, purposeful, and behavioral change is needed for integration.
2:20 – 2:30 PM	Refreshment Break
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Educating and Onboarding Advanced Practice Nurses in Radiation Oncology Toby Bressler PhD, RN, OCN, Director of Nursing for Oncology and Clinical Quality, Assistant Professor Medical Oncology, <i>Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</i>

Radiation oncology nurse practitioners (NPs) are the newest advance practice providers (APP's) to oncology practice. Learn how an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center developed and implemented a six-month orientation for NPs new to radiation oncology. Key elements include: 1) integrating didactic learning with supervised clinical training; 2) peer learning case presentations; 3) application of evidence-based practice interventions; and 4) retreats and teambuilding activities. Learn about the high-quality learning, peer mentorship, and professional development opportunities from this innovative orientation model.

3:15 – 4:00 PM

Integrating Nurse Practitioners into Radiation Oncology

Erin Davis, MSN, CRNP, ANP-BC, AOCN, Lead Nurse Practitioner, Radiation Oncology, *Penn Medicine*

Hear successful staffing models and operationalization strategies that optimize physician-driven activities and ensure APPs are operating at the top of their license. Discuss strategies for the development of a financially viable APP program.

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Risk Reduction Strategies for Radiation Oncology Programs

Ed Kline, MS, CNMT, RT(N)ARRT, Clinical Operations/Physics *US Cancer Therapies LLC*; Founder, *RadPhysics Services LLC*

Learn how a comprehensive risk management software program (MERP) can efficiently identify errors, measurably reduce error rates, implement long-lasting corrective action plans, improve efficiency, and enhance overall patient safety. Review the historical basis for risk reduction initiatives and understand the magnitude of risk in radiation oncology. Learn what works and what doesn't work through case studies of MERP implementation at multiple centers. Strategies to leverage an effective risk management program for quality, compliance, and patient safety while providing evidenced-based results that follow value-based medicine requirements. Hear why a non-punitive safety culture that rewards the identification and correction must be established and embraced by key players and upper management to obtain buy-in.

4:45 – 5:30 PM

Radiation Oncology Strategic Planning in an Evolving Reimbursement Environment

John Lefkus, President, *RAD Technology Systems*

With the pace of innovation increasing and the life cycles of radiation oncology equipment decreasing, learn how radiation oncology and administrative leaders can plan for the future, including tips for improving your capital planning process; alternatives to capital acquisition, i.e., how to acquire the latest equipment and facilities without capital or debt impairment; and information about interim technology as bridge to permanent improvement, i.e., purchase of new equipment.

Agenda as of 01.29.2020 and subject to change.