

CPIP—Right on Target!

The reviews are in: ACCC's Cancer Program Improvement Project (CPIP) was an outstanding success. Completed surveys from CPIP participants show the four-hour educational program—and its *Oncology Reimbursement Toolbox: Workbook and DVD*—to be extremely useful in strengthening cancer programs and the interdisciplinary team.


“The CPIP program was right on target,” said Sheila Czarniecki, director of oncology services, St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. “The presenter took time to discuss every issue fully. She individualized the program to meet our program's needs and spent time on our concerns.” Czarniecki noted that her oncology team was in attendance: staff from the infusion center, outpatient pharmacy, billing, the chargemaster supervisor, and the cancer registry.

Since the CPIP session in June 2007, attendees have shared the program's resources with St. Clair

ACCC Member Elected to APC Panel

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) congratulates Patrick A. Grusenmeyer, ScD, FACHE, on his recent appointment to serve a four-year term on the ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Panel. Dr. Grusenmeyer is currently serving on ACCC's Government Affairs and Editorial Committees. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives; a Certified Healthcare Executive; and a Fellow in the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare

Management Education.

ACCC looks forward to working with Dr. Grusenmeyer and other APC Panel members at their upcoming APC Panel meetings. 

Patrick Grusenmeyer, ScD, FACHE, is vice president of Cancer Services for Christiana Care Health Services, including responsibility for the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center.

Hospital staff in their departments. An ongoing benefit: “We have all kept in touch with each other more closely than we had in the past. The different departments are working together to try to implement changes,” Czarniecki said.


At Missouri Baptist Cancer Center in St. Louis, ACCC Delegate Rep and Director of Oncology Services Debbie Mercier, RN, MSN, AOCNS, was searching for resources that would help validate that oncol-

ogy services were being appropriately reimbursed. Accessing the *Oncology Reimbursement Toolbox: Workbook and DVD* on the ACCC website, Mercier found “exactly what I needed.”

After receiving hard copies in the mail and reviewing the material, Mercier is using the program as a model to organize her own interdepartmental meeting to focus attention on the oncology reimbursement process. She will invite members of her oncology team: patient accounts, coding specialists, director of oncology services, finance department, nurses, physicians (both medical and radiation oncology), administration staff, pharmacy and lab services, and ancillary services staff.

“The *Oncology Reimbursement Toolbox: Workbook and DVD* are a valuable guideline for planning an interdepartmental meeting,” Mercier said.

The CPIP program is available now through the *Oncology Reimbursement Toolbox: Workbook and DVD*. Member institutions can access the *Workbook* and *DVD* on the members' only section of ACCC's website www.accc-cancer.org. Join those ACCC member institutions that have already benefited from CPIP training.

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Upcoming Meetings — Get out your calendars and save the dates for ACCC's upcoming meetings:

2007

Regional Oncology Economic and Management Symposia

Oct. 30, 2007
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 13, 2007
Hilton Providence
Providence, R.I.

3rd Annual Hospital Summit

December 13, 2007
The Tower Club at Tysons
Corner
Vienna, Va.

2008

34th Annual National Meeting

April 2-5, 2008
Baltimore Marriott
Waterfront Hotel
Baltimore, Md.

25th National Oncology Economics Conference

Sept. 17-20, 2008
Hyatt Regency San Francisco
San Francisco, Calif.