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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 Tool*box:* 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." Czariecki 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

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-

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.

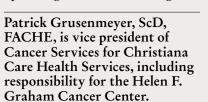
Nov. 13, 2007 Hilton Providence Providence, R.I.

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.

Management Education. ACCC looks forward to working with Dr. Grusenmever and other **APC** Panel members at their upcoming APC Panel meetings.



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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