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Optimal Care Coordination Model for Lung Cancer Patients on Medicaid—First Steps

ACCC has begun a three-year effort to develop an optimal care coordination model for this vulnerable patient population. First steps included completing an environmental scan. Among the key findings is the need to 1) increase patient engagement to improve outcomes, 2) integrate patient navigators into care teams to promote Medicaid beneficiaries' access to timely, high-quality care, and 3) ensure Medicaid beneficiaries timely access to supportive services, including attention to psychosocial needs, palliative care needs, hospice services and end-of-life care, and survivorship issues. Read an executive summary of the scan and learn more at: accc-cancer.org/carecoordination.



Immunotherapy Payment Methods

Available through the ACCC eLearning Portal, accc-cancer.org/elearning, *Immerse Yourself in Immuno-Oncology Implementation* shares operational approaches for the effective integration of immunotherapy into your cancer care program. Also available: modules that explore “real-world” clinical practice issues related to immunotherapy, including solutions to optimize patient care and immuno-oncology coverage and reimbursement, including strategies to overcome access challenges.



A Snapshot of a Case-Based Financial Advocacy Network Workshop

This workshop revealed several key themes, including the need to educate providers and patients about the complexity of Medicare and the different options available during open enrollment; the need to improve communication about patients' financial concerns across all members of the cancer care team; and the importance of tracking ROI and savings. accc-cancer.org/ACCCbuzz/snapshot-case-based-financial-advocacy-network-workshop.

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The number of uninsured continues to decline. In 2015, 28.6 million persons of all ages (9.1%) were uninsured—7.4 million fewer persons than in 2014.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Center for Health Statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/insur201605.pdf.

Key Drivers & Challenges in Adoption of Virtual Care

Drivers

- Increase patient volumes & loyalty (29%)
- Care coordination of high-risk patients (17%)
- Reduce costs for access to medical specialists (17%)
- Meaningful use & payer incentives for adoption (13%)
- Patient requests & consumer demand (13%)

Challenges

- Too many other technological priorities (19%)
- Maintaining a sustainable business model (18%)
- Organizational readiness to implement new services & technology (18%)
- Regulatory compliance & risk concerns (15%)

Source: A poll conducted by KPMG LLP, the U.S. audit, tax, and advisory firm. kpmg.com/us.



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What Do the Experts Think About Sunscreens?

- **99%** of dermatologists agree that regular use of sunscreens lowers skin cancer risk.
- Nearly all (**96%**) consider FDA-approved sunscreens currently available in the U.S. to be safe.
- Virtually all (**99%**) recommend their family and friends use sunscreen to help protect their skin.
- Dermatologists cite SPF levels as one of the main criteria that they regularly use to recommend a sunscreen. Overall, **92%** are comfortable recommending sunscreens with an **SPF 50** or higher.

Source. An April 2016 survey by the National Society for Cutaneous Medicine. soccutmed.org.

Financial Distress: What Our Patients are Telling Us



- Only about **1/2** of patients understand their health insurance coverage for their cancer care “completely” or “very well.”
- **25%** of patients between the age of 25 and 64 stopped working during active treatment; **13%** switched from full- to part-time; only **1/3** continued working full-time after their diagnosis.
- Despite **58%** of patients reporting being distressed about their finances during treatment, **25%** of those younger than age 64 said their care team never considered their financial situation during treatment planning; **34%** said it was only “sometimes” considered.
- **29%** of patients skipped doctors’ appointments; **38%** postponed or did not fill drug prescriptions; **34%** skipped doses; **30%** ordered medications online from sources outside the U.S.; and **31%** cut oral medications in half.
- **1/3** of patients ages 25 to 54 reported cutting back on groceries and transportation.
- **21%** missed a utility bill payment; **17%** missed a rent or mortgage payment.

Source. 2016 CancerCare Patient Access and Engagement Report. cancercare.org/accessengagementreport.



Survey Finds Strong Support for Moonshot Initiative

- **82%** of Americans want the next U.S. president to continue to invest in the program.
- A large majority of Democrats (**90%**), Republicans (**73%**), and Independents (**77%**) support extending the Moonshot program into the next presidency.
- **44%** say the \$1 billion the government invested is the right amount; **42%** think more funding is necessary.

Source. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Finding Cancer Cures. An online survey conducted by Russell Research, April 22-April 25, 2016.



More patients will die from pancreatic cancer than breast cancer this year, moving pancreatic cancer from the 4th to the 3rd leading cause of cancer-related death.

Source. Siegel RL, et al. Cancer statistics, 2016. CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians. Jan. 2016. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.3322/caac.21332/>.