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2017 Trending Now in Cancer Care

SURVEY | This joint ACCC and Advisory Board Oncology Roundtable survey finds the cost of drugs and new treatment modalities as the top threat to cancer program growth, followed by physician alignment around services and programs and changes in healthcare coverage. Survey findings reveal that marketplace competition and consolidation continues. Staffing challenges are common. More than half report FTE vacancies for oncology nurses; nearly half have medical oncologist vacancies; 1 in 3 have openings for advanced practitioners. Read more at: accc.cancer.org/TrendingNow.



Are Your Patients Curious about CAR-T?

WEBINAR | CAR-T therapy continues to make headlines. ASCO's Clinical Cancer Advances names this new type of immunotherapy the advance of the year. For an overview on this exciting treatment, view ACCC's archived webinar, CAR-T Therapy for Your Patients—What You Need to Know. accc-iclio.org/resources/car-t-cell-therapy-patients-need-know.



Immuno-Oncology Transforming Care Delivery

PUBLICATION | This new report from ACCC explores the impact of immunotherapies on the cancer care paradigm. Read about effective practices in care delivery, managing immune-related adverse events, and why cross-discipline education is essential. Explore immunotherapy resources from ACCC, and more. accc-cancer.org/IO-TransformingCare.



Managing Immune-Related Adverse Events

ARTICLE | Early recognition and management of immune-related adverse events (irAEs) is critical to optimizing patient care. Three cancer programs share details of the irAE management programs, including brief case studies. accc-cancer.org/IRAEmanagement.



ACCC's Website is Here!

RESOURCE | In February ACCC launched its new website. Access the latest ACCC "how to" resources on your phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop. Connect with news, information, and your colleagues. Find information and resources curated for your role in cancer care. Explore accc-cancer.org.

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A new analysis of two clinical trials in the United States and Europe found that prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening lowered the risk for prostate cancer death by 25 to 32 percent in men when compared with those who were not screened.

Source. Tsodikov A, et al. Reconciling the effects of screening on prostate cancer mortality in the ERSPC and PLCO trials. *Ann Intern Med*. Epub ahead of print 5 September 2017. doi: 10.7326/M16-2586.

Oncologists' Views on Emerging Therapies

- Most oncologists (**51%**) see CAR T-cell therapy as a game-changing approach to cancer treatment, but barriers such as cost, toxicity, and complex administration could lead to slow uptake.
- As more biosimilars enter the U.S. market, oncologists are open to prescribing them in place of their reference products—and most (**66%**) have high expectations about the cost savings biosimilars will deliver for their practices.
- With three targeted therapies recently approved for acute myeloid leukemia (AML), most oncologists (**85%**) are routinely prescribing genetic tests for AML patients—and **31%** are now referring AML patients to academic medical centers for treatment.

Source. Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions. cardinalhealth.com.



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Do Cancer Patients Want Genetic Testing?

- **62%** of respondents in one survey noted that if they developed cancer, they would want their cancer genetically tested to find other new treatments.
- Only **4%** would not want their cancer genetically tested.
- **23%** may want it.
- **11%** were unsure.

Source. Wamberg Genomic Consumer Survey. wamberggenomic.com.

How Americans Feel About the State of Healthcare in U.S.

- **41%** believe healthcare in the U.S. has generally gotten worse rather than improved over the past five years.
- While a vast majority of insured respondents (**83%**) say they are somewhat or very satisfied with their health plans, nearly **1/3** report that they did not have a choice in the health plan that was offered to them.
- **52%** of American parents are optimistic that their children will have better healthcare than they did at their age.
- **65%** say advances in healthcare will make lives safer; **66%** say advances will make lives longer.

Source. CVS Health. cvshealth.com/stateofhealthcare.

More Patients Asking Their Docs About Drugs in Ads



With drugmakers spending more than **\$5 billion** annually on direct-to-consumer (DTC) advertising, here's what physicians said in one survey:

- Compared to 5 years ago, where physicians reported receiving **1** question a week related to DTC advertising, physicians now report receiving **3** questions a week.
- When asked if their patients generally understand the information in advertisements, **65%** of physicians said no.
- **49%** percent of physicians said DTC ads generally impair or confuse their patients' understanding of their condition, the treatment, and possible risks.
- **35%** of physician respondents suggested banning DTC ads.

Source. InCrowd.incrowdnow.com/press-release/us-doctors-say-direct-consumer-ads-shaping-informed-patient-voicing-concerns-3x-many-questions-according-new-data-incrowd.

Study of More than 2,000 Women with Breast Cancer Finds...

- **93%** prefer that their oncologist handle their mammograms.
- **91%** want their oncologist to do screening for additional cancers.
- **21%** prefer that their oncologist direct general preventive care, such as vaccinations.
- **16%** want their oncologist to handle medical conditions unrelated to their cancer.

Source. Wallner LP, et al. Patient preferences for primary care provider roles in breast cancer survivorship care. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017 Jul 12. doi:10.1200/JCO.2017.

