Oncology Advanced Practitioner Collaboration for the Conduct of a Clinical Research Project

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Background:

- Oncology Advanced Practitioners (APs), including NPs, CNSs, PAs, and PharmDs, are instrumental in providing quality cancer care.
- Clinical research is an integral aspect of oncology care, yet there is limited published data regarding oncology APs' practice and educational needs related to cancer clinical trials.

Methods:.

- University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC) designed and piloted a survey to determine Hawaii-based APs' research involvement
- Successful completion of the Hawaii project led to the desire for a nationwide expansion



- UHCC collaborated with the Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) and Harborside given their role in oncology AP education and advocacy
- Four oncology APs from these organizations collaborated to reformat and revalidate the online survey



Conclusions:

- Through multi-organizational collaboration, a single institution research project was launched into a national survey of oncology APs' knowledge, attitudes, and roles in the environment of cancer clinical trials.
- We believe this to be the first comprehensive attempt to gain national insight into oncology APs' practice in the setting of U.S. clinical trials.
- Membership in professional organizations and multi-organization collaboration are effective routes to assemble working groups with shared objectives to conduct projects with far-reaching impact.

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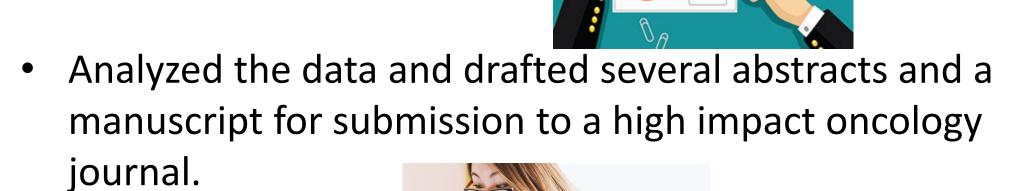






Results: The multi-organizational collaboration:

- Succeeded in implementing a validated nationwide survey with over 400 responses.
- Obtained benchmarking data on this group of health care professionals in the setting of cancer clinical trials.



Will contribute to development of future educational content and joint advocacy efforts to support oncology APs in clinical research.



Created multidisciplinary enthusiasm from key leaders in several organizations.



For more details on the nationwide survey results, use this QR code.

