## **ICLIO** National Conference

Financial Issues in Community Cancer Centers

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FOR CLINICAL IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY





#### WPH Center for Cancer Care

- 70,000 square feet Center for Cancer Care houses: Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pharmacy, 34 Infusion chairs and integrative care including 2 FT Genetic counselors.
- 10 Medical Oncologists, physicians; Ten Nurse Practitioners and Navigators in Breast and Lung
- CoC gold commendation with OAA and NAPBC accredited



# I-O Challenges and Issues

- Off label usage
- Combination Therapies
- Staff education
- irAE's identification, use of specialty care and ER clinical education
- Pharmaceutical companies offering to send medication for directly to physicians
- Evidence based guidelines



## Issues in Oncology

- Evidence based guidelines not able to keep up with the rapidly changing landscape of I-O therapies
- Treatment dilemmas How long do we continue? When and if restart after recovery from irAEs?
- Access to clinical trials



## Formulary or not formulary

- Education
- Cost of keeping I-O therapy on the shelf.
- Precision medicine impact and use of various different targeted therapies
- Reimbursement and prior authorizations based on knowing the literature and approvals based on peer to peer reviews

# Information Technology

- EMR challenges
- Practice guidelines and development of cost effective clinical pathways