



PANCREATIC CANCER

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Fast Facts



Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S.



Effective, early screening methods are critical to individuals at high risk.



Diagnosis can be challenging. Symptoms are not always obvious and usually develop gradually; there is no standard diagnostic test for pancreatic cancer.



Surveillance programs and family registries are two types of research programs for high-risk individuals.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACCC'S PANCREATIC CANCER SURVEY

Respondents Report These Challenges in Caring for Patients

- 56%** The patient's personal and financial barriers, such as transportation and insurance issues
- 50%** Transitions of care between multiple healthcare settings
- 35%** The ability to keep current on the latest treatment modalities
- 32%** A lack of psychosocial services and distress management programs

Components Contributing to a Strong Pancreatic Cancer Program

- 43%** A multidisciplinary team and the presence of tumor boards
- 27%** Support staff, including nurses, navigators, and social workers
- 20%** Supportive, expert physicians
- 5%** Access to clinical trials
- 5%** Financial assistance programs for patients

Respondents Want Additional Information On ...

60%

Treatment planning for resectable disease

51%

Neoadjuvant treatment options

50%

Information on financial assistance

48%

End-of-life care

45%

Palliative care

43%

Classification and staging

41%

Home and community support during treatment or post-operative care

Share Your Knowledge & Expertise

Respondents reported that these educational resources or tools would be "Incredibly Useful" or "Very Useful"

- An assessment and tracking tool for newly-diagnosed patients
- A patient brochure explaining pancreatic cancer
- An anatomical picture of the pancreas and abdominal organs to illustrate to patients the location and progression of the disease.

If your program has developed and/or implemented these types of tools to use with your pancreatic cancer patients and their family members, we want to hear from you! Email resources@accc-cancer.org if your program is willing to share your tools and resources with other ACCC members.

ABOUT ACCC'S PANCREATIC CANCER EDUCATION PROJECT

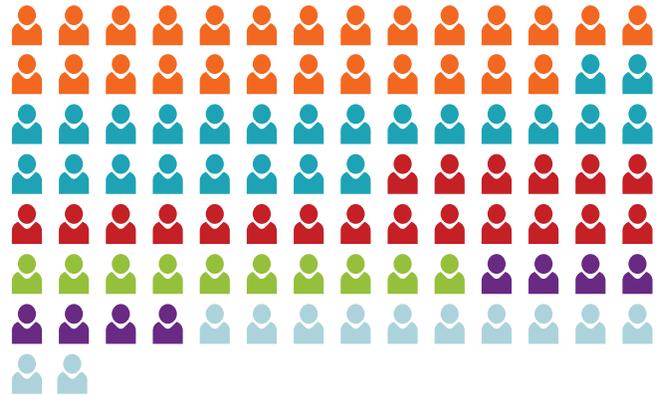
This project will offer healthcare providers information to better care for patients with pancreatic cancer and raise awareness among healthcare providers about the challenges related to this disease.

Survey Methodology

As part of this project, ACCC surveyed its membership to:

1. Gain a better understanding of the scope of current knowledge and practices.
2. Identify effective practices in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with pancreatic cancer.
3. Establish Community Resource Centers for pancreatic cancer. These centers will demonstrate expertise in meeting the unique needs of patients with pancreatic cancer and a willingness to answer questions and provide direction to other programs.

Survey Respondents



-  26% Oncology social workers
-  24% Oncology nurses
-  20% Dietitians
-  10% Patient navigators
-  8% Practice managers or practice administrators
-  12% Other (includes medical oncologists, hematologic oncologists, palliative care specialists, and cancer program administrators)



Next Steps

Look for a wrap-up article in your May/June 2014 *Oncology Issues*, highlighting the effective practices and real-world examples of how cancer programs use these effective practices to improve the care of pancreatic cancer patients and their family members.



Get Involved!

80% of respondents stated that it would be "valuable" for ACCC to build a network or virtual tumor board of ACCC members who diagnose and treat patients with pancreatic cancer. If you are interested in this networking opportunity, email resources@acc-cancer.org.