

Role of PCP During Patient's Active Treatment for Cancer

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Cancer Facts & Figures 2013

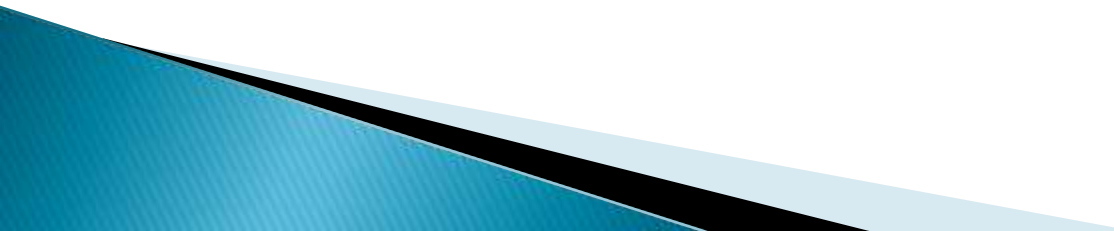


Estimated numbers of new cancer cases for 2013, excluding basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinomas except urinary bladder.
Note: State estimates are offered as a rough guide and should be interpreted with caution. State estimates may not add to US total due to rounding.

Cancer Facts

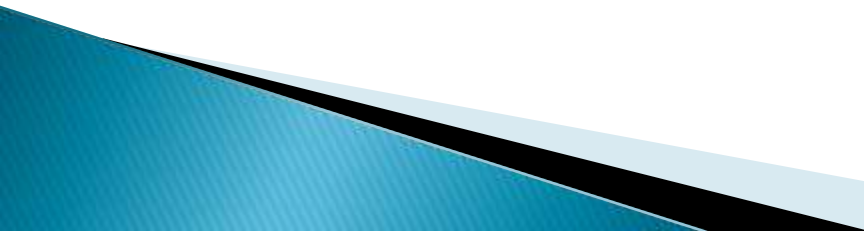
- ▶ ~ 1,660,290 new cancer cases expected to be diagnosed in 2013
- ▶ ~ 580,350 Americans will die of cancer in 2013 (1600/day)
- ▶ 2 of 3 people diagnosed with cancer today survive at least 5 years
- ▶ Cancer is commonly a disease after the age of 60 years

Internal Medicine Issues During Patient's Active Treatment for Cancer

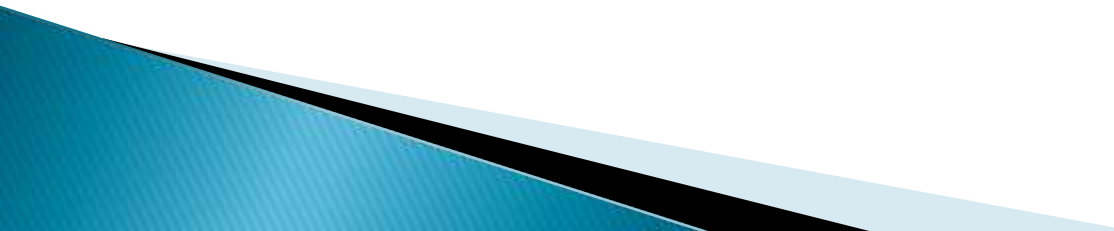
- ▶ Pre-existing comorbidities (HTN, DM, CAD, etc.)
 - ▶ Necessary adjustments of medications for comorbidities (weight loss leading to reduction or elimination of antihypertensives or diabetic medications)
 - ▶ Diagnosis of new comorbidity
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Internal Medicine Issues During Patient's Active Cancer Treatment

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- ▶ Medical issues related to cancer (pericardial effusion 2° malignancy leading to pericardial tamponade)
 - ▶ Medical issues related to treatment (steroid induced DM)
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The Importance of the PCP During Cancer Treatment

- ▶ Established relationship with patient (may have diagnosed malignancy)
 - ▶ Additional patient and family support
 - ▶ Continued management of existing comorbidities
 - ▶ Help with medical issues related to cancer or cancer treatment (depends upon level of comfort, location of treatment site, oncology collaboration)
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Types of Management of Cancer Patients During Active Treatment

Co-management
of Medical Issues

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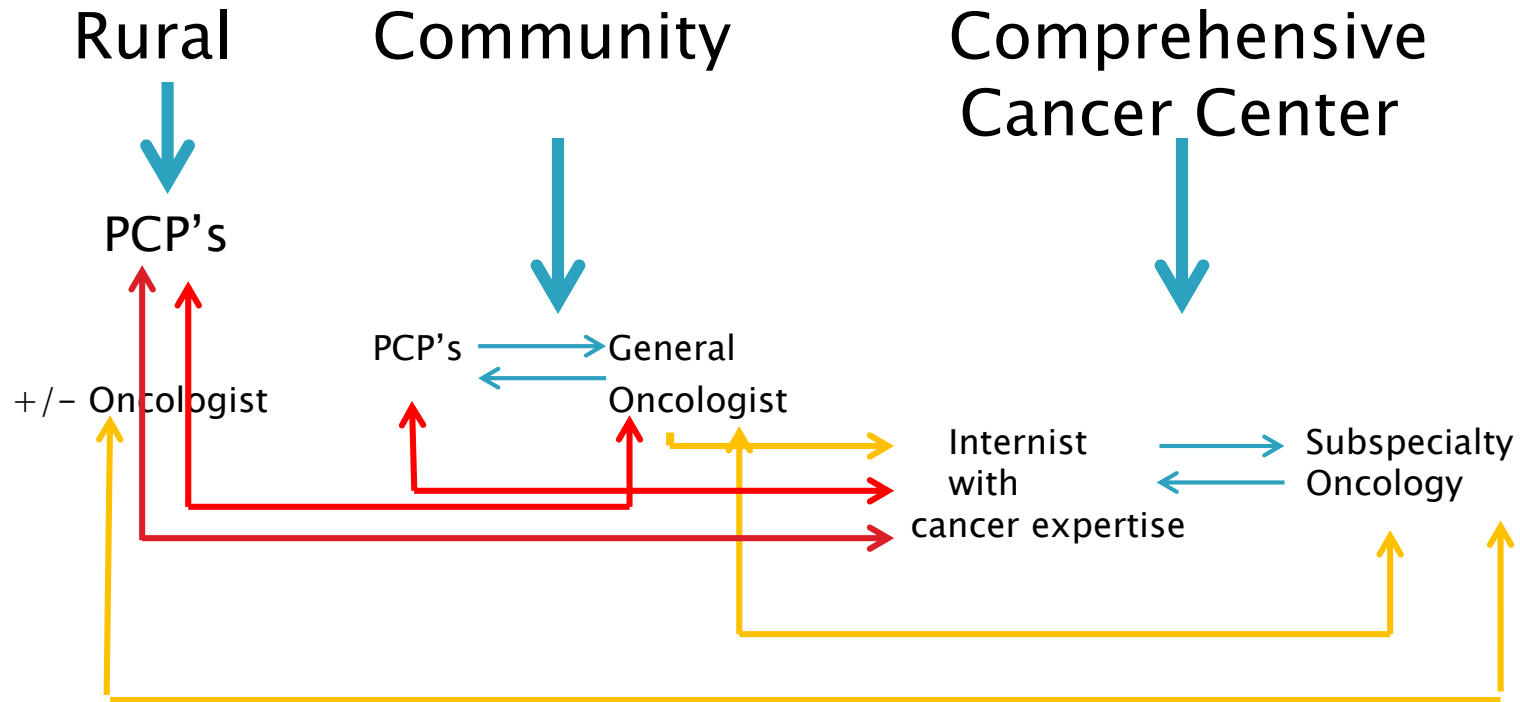
Oncologist Managing
all Medical Issues

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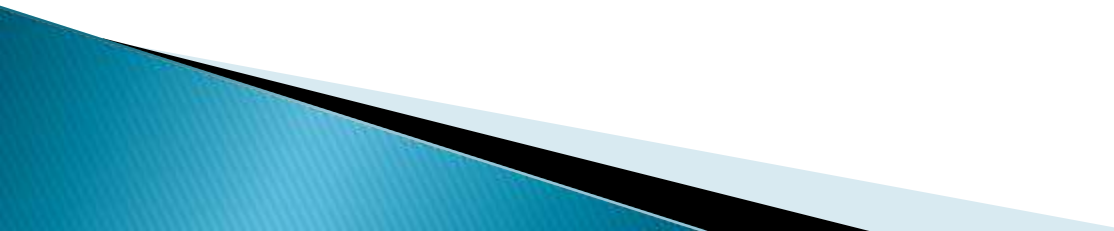
Independent
Management

PCP  Oncologist

Care Sites and Referral Practices for Cancer Patients



Patient Options During Cancer Treatment

- ▶ Have all treatments near home
 - ▶ Have treatments both at home and away from home (shared/collaborative)
 - ▶ Have all treatments at distant site (comprehensive cancer center)
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Case 1

Ms. A is a 55 year old lady diagnosed with T1c N1 Mo (L) breast cancer. She self-palpated a breast mass and saw her PCP who arranged for a biopsy and referral to MD Anderson Cancer Center. She lives ~ 150 miles from the center and has DM, HTN, hyperlipidemia. Underwent (L) mastectomy and axillary node dissection

Case 1 (cont'd)

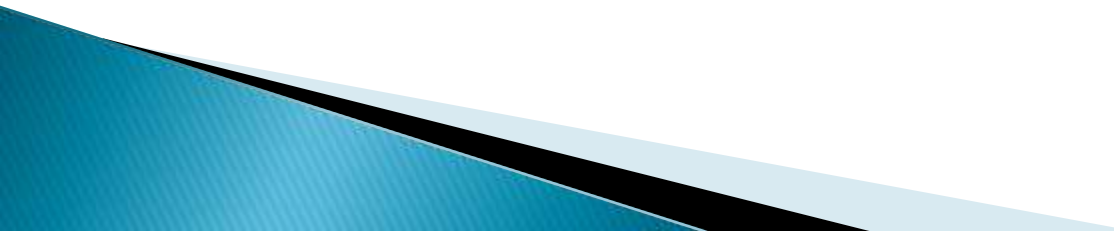
She had adjuvant chemotherapy, followed by radiation and 1 full year of Herceptin.

- ▶ Has local PCP managing comorbidities
- ▶ During treatment phase, medical issues co-managed with MDACC IM and PCP
- ▶ With comorbidities and radiation to (L) chest, at risk for CAD. Needs close f/u for these symptoms and careful management of risk factors

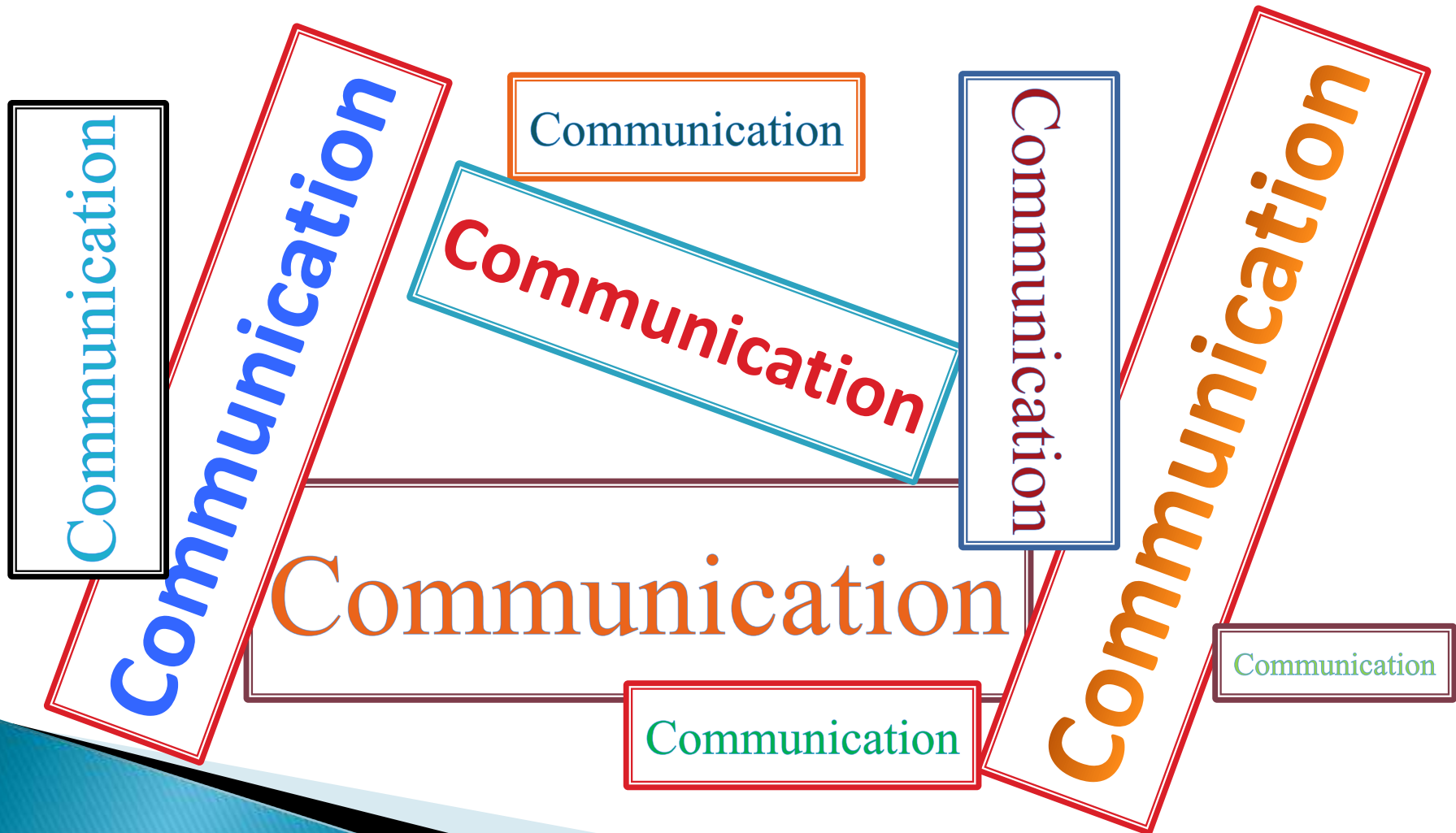
Case 2

65 year old man with castration resistant prostate cancer with bone metastases
Received numerous regimens and palliative radiation. Developed PE while on treatment
Lives close to cancer center

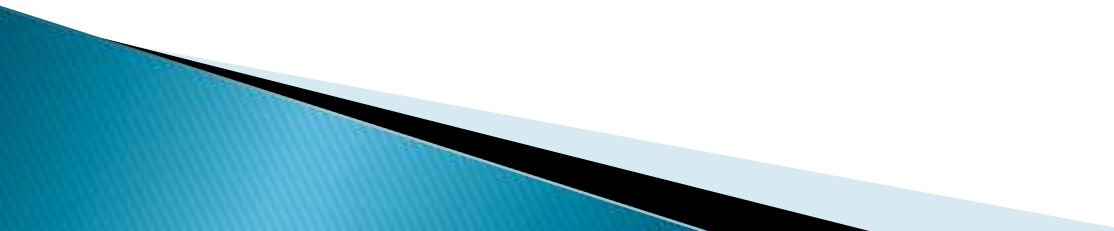
Case 2 (cont'd)

- ▶ Managed by IM at MDACC (lives locally)
 - ▶ Has HTN, hyperlipidemia, obesity
 - ▶ On LMWH for PE
 - ▶ Continues on active cancer treatment
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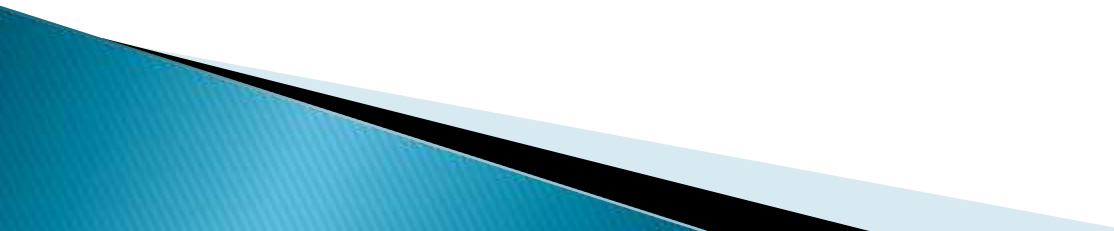
Success of Medical Care of Patient During Active Treatment



Challenges During Cancer Treatment

- ▶ Distance from PCP
 - ▶ PCP uncomfortable or unfamiliar with medical issues for independent/co-management during cancer treatment
 - ▶ Patients want all treatment from cancer center or oncologist (safety net)
 - ▶ Multiple hand offs between providers as patients move between locations/providers for treatment
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How to Overcome Challenges

- ▶ Education of healthcare providers unfamiliar with IM issues due to cancer or cancer treatment
 - ▶ Telemedicine especially for rural areas
 - ▶ Communication imperative between providers (verbal, written, access to records, formal or informal meetings)
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How to Overcome Challenges (cont'd)

- ▶ Education of patients and families (signs and symptoms to report, symposiums, webinars, websites, support groups)

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Wednesday, January 12, 2011

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Step 1 of 5

Please answer the following questions to begin the patient referral process. A representative in your office will be contacted by one of our Referral Specialists to collect any additional information if needed. The patient will be contacted and the appointment confirmed.

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* Required

Diagnosis, Treatment, and Patient Information

* How would you like to refer this patient?

- For a Specific Cancer Diagnosis
- For a Suspected Cancer Diagnosis
- For Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
- For Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery Services
- For Radiation Oncology Services

* Category/Diagnosis:

- Choose Category -
- Choose Diagnosis -

Specify if Other Diagnosis:

* Diagnosis Method:

(Use CTRL to select multiple)

Biopsy
Bone Marrow Aspiration/Biopsy
CT Scan

Specify if Other:

* Diagnosis Date:

- Month - - Year -

Opportunities for Success —→ GOAL

- ▶ Allow patients to receive “state of art” oncology care wherever located
 - ▶ Patients may participate in “cutting edge” clinical research
 - ▶ Better educate our patients, families, healthcare providers, and healthcare trainees on IM issues in active cancer patients
 - ▶ Support for patients and families so they are comfortable and confident in all healthcare providers
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