Cancer Liaison Physician Role Standard 4.3

A Cancer Liaison Physician serves in a leadership role within the cancer program, and is responsible for evaluating, interpreting and reporting the program’s performance using the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) data. The CLP reports the results of this analysis to the cancer committee at least four time a year.

CLP as Leaders

*A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.*

John C. Maxwell
CLP Primary Responsibility

Primary responsibility of the Cancer Liaison Physician is to monitor and interpret their facility's performance using NCDB data and reporting tools and to employ the information to evaluate and improve quality care within the cancer program.

Monitoring Performance

- Identify data points in the accountability and quality improvement measure reports, survival reports, and benchmarking reports
- Identify the challenges and opportunities revealed by the data
- Oversee the development of quality improvement processes to address those challenges
- Track quality improvements
"Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why."

Bernard Baruch

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Interpreting Performance Using Data

Sources of evidence should include and not be limited to the NCDB Quality Reporting Tools

- Search for relevant and useful evidence
- Construct an answerable, focused question
- Integrate clinical expertise with external evidence
- Critical questions arise from patient interactions
- Answers guide decision making

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Cancer Liaison Physician Role

- Report CoC activities, initiatives, and priorities to the Cancer Committee
- Attend the annual CLP Breakfast
- Participate in meetings, trainings, webinars, conference calls hosted by the CoC State Chair
- Provide input to the standards-setting process
- Submit your quarterly reports via the SAR
- Be a quality champion in your program & your community
American Cancer Society Liaison

Mission Priorities
• Lung Cancer & Tobacco Control
• Nutrition & Physical Activity
• Breast Cancer & Colorectal Cancer
• Survivorship & Quality of Life
• Access to Care

CLP Selection Criteria
• Member of the Cancer Committee
• Member of the active medical staff
• Willing to evaluate, interpret and report on the data tracking the program’s performance on quality metrics
• Willing to serve as the liaison between the cancer program, the Commission on Cancer, and the American Cancer Society

Standard Compliance
• Each year, the CLP evaluates and interprets the program’s performance using the NCDB data
• Each year, the CLP reports this information to the cancer committee at least four times
• The CLP is present during the CoC survey and meets with the surveyor
Surveyor: CLP Meeting

- Supporting the CLP in their role
- Assisting with NCDB tools
- Encouraging collaboration with the State Chair in their work at the state level re: public policy and other cancer-related initiatives

QUESTIONS?