



POQC: PATIENT AND CAREGIVER ONCOLOGY QUALITY COUNCIL

PRACTICE HANDOUT

BACKGROUND

The Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium (MOQC) is a group formed in 2009, whose goal is to improve the quality of care cancer patients receive across the state. MOQC is supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) and work is coordinated at the University of Michigan. MOQC focuses on all cancer patients, especially those who receive chemotherapy, with or without insurance. MOQC improves care by using data gathered as part of the national Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) program, targeting areas of care that need to get better, and working with medical and gynecologic oncologists and their teams to make changes in their practices so that care improves.

MOQC formed POQC to increase the role of patients, their families or caregivers in the work of our Consortium. POQC members support our Steering Committee and our practices by guiding the development of new projects and sharing our work with the community and other interested groups.

POQC CONTRIBUTIONS

POQC Members are able to:

- Share stories of how they have faced challenges in accessing the health care system, and ideas for how systems can be created to better serve patients and loved ones
- Provide the voice of patients and caregivers in focus groups or for patient-facing materials review

POQC RECRUITMENT

In addition to providing support to MOQC and to MOQC practices, POQC is always looking to expand. We are very interested in having patients and caregivers who represent a broader patient voice, including:

- Patients and caregivers from minority groups
- Patients currently receiving treatment; caregivers of patients currently receiving treatment
- Patients with varied diagnosis ages; caregivers of patients with varied diagnosis ages
- Patients and caregivers who are medically-underserved

Members of MOQC and/or POQC will reach out to patients or caregivers of interest and schedule one on one meetings to discuss participation.

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