



Effective Health Care

Doctor-patient Communication about Lung Cancer Nomination Summary Document

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Doctor-patient communication about lung cancer is too broad to develop given limited program resources. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.
- The nominator may be interested in existing work done by the National Cancer Institute and the Institute of Medicine on patient-centered communication and improving value in cancer care.
 - Epstein RM, Street RL, Jr. Patient-Centered Communication in Cancer Care: Promoting Healing and Reducing Suffering. National Cancer Institute, NIH Publication No. 07-6225. Bethesda, MD, 2007. http://outcomes.cancer.gov/areas/pcc/communication/pcc_monograph.pdf
 - The Institute of Medicine's (IOM). Assessing and Improving Value in Cancer Care [In Press]. Final report from the IOM National Cancer Policy Forum expected 2009. Workshop on Assessing and Improving Value in Cancer Care February 09, 2009 - February 10, 2009. <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2009/Assessing-Improving-Value-Cancer-Care.aspx>.

Topic Description

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: This nomination reflects a patient's personal account of what she describes as "awful treatment from an oncologist." She expresses multiple times that she felt bullied into treatment. Her desired improvements include more respect from the doctor or nurse, discussion and guidance on alternative therapies, a more humanistic rather than academic approach, knowing the least harmful dose of chemotherapy, and more information regarding failure versus success stories for lung cancer patients.

Key Questions from Nominator: None

Considerations

- This topic could not be evaluated due to insufficient information given in the original nomination. Specifically, the populations, interventions, comparators, and outcomes are all undefined.