

CA - Cancer

CA-ADV ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the process of developing an advance directive and its role in guiding medical care and decision making to best serve the patient's care preferences.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that many persons are not able to make their own decisions when ill. The advance directive, or other statement of care preferences, allows patients to express their preferences and guide treatment decisions in that setting.
2. Explain that this statement of preferences is only used to guide decision making if the patient is unable to provide guidance at the time that decisions need to be made.
3. Explain that Advance Directives or other statements of care preferences can help families and caregivers who may need to be decision-makers for the patient to understand the patient's preferences for care.
4. Review the option of Advanced Directives or other statements of care preferences with the patient and the patient's family. Explain treatment options and answer questions in a manner the patient/family will understand.
5. Refer as appropriate to those who can assist the patient in further clarifying healthcare decision-making authority (e.g., Social Services, Clergy, Lawyer,) by defining a healthcare proxy, writing a living will, or further discussing the preferences for care.
6. **Refer to ADV.**

CA-AP ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the normal function of the organ(s)/site(s) being affected by the cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain the relationship between the anatomy and physiology of the system involved and the cancer.
2. Discuss the changes caused by the cancer and the potential impact on health and well being.

CA-C COMPLICATIONS

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the complications associated with cancer and cancer therapy and that these may or may not be treatable.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the complications of the cancer and its treatment pertaining to this patient.
2. Explain that many therapies for cancer depress the immune system and that infection is a major risk.
3. Discuss that nausea and vomiting are frequent side effects of many cancer therapies and that these can often be successfully medically managed.
4. Discuss other significant complications of treatment.
5. Discuss that pain may be a complication of the disease process or the therapy.
Refer to PM.

CA-CM CASE MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the importance of integrated case management in achieving optimal physical and behavioral health.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss roles and responsibilities of each member of the care team including the patient, family/caregiver, and providers in the case management plan.
2. Explain the coordination and integration of resources and services in developing and implementing the case management plan.
3. Explain the need to obtain the appropriate releases of information necessary to support integrated case management and to maintain patient privacy and confidentiality. **Refer to AF-CON.**

CA-CUL CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the impact and influences that cultural and spiritual traditions, practices, and beliefs have on health and wellness.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the potential role of cultural/spiritual traditions, practices and beliefs in achieving and maintaining health and wellness. Refer to clergy services, traditional healers, or other culturally appropriate resources.
2. Explain that traditional medicines/treatments should be reviewed with the healthcare provider to determine if there are positive or detrimental interactions with prescribed treatment. Explain that the medical treatment plan must be followed as prescribed to be effective.

CA-DP DISEASE PROCESS

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the specific cancer and its disease process.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain the specific type/site and causative/risk factors of the cancer and staging of the tumor, as appropriate.
2. Discuss signs and symptoms and the usual progression of the specific cancer.
3. Discuss the prognosis of the specific cancer.

CA-EQ EQUIPMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand medical equipment and will demonstrate the proper use and care of equipment.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the indication for and benefits of prescribed home medical equipment.
2. Demonstrate the proper use and care of medical equipment, as appropriate.
3. Discuss infection control principles as appropriate.

CA-FU FOLLOW-UP

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the importance of follow-up in the treatment of cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the importance of follow-up care.
2. Discuss the procedure for obtaining follow-up appointments and that follow-up appointments should be kept.
3. Emphasize that full participation of the treatment plan is the responsibility of the patient/family.
4. Discuss signs/symptoms that should prompt immediate follow-up.
5. Discuss the availability of community resources and support services and refer as appropriate.

CA-HM HOME MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the home management of cancer and develop a plan for comprehensive care.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain the home management techniques necessary based on the status of the patient. Explain that these home management techniques may change frequently.
2. Discuss the implementation of hygiene and infection control measures.
3. Refer to community resources, hospice, or support groups, as appropriate.

CA-L LITERATURE

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will receive literature regarding cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Provide the patient/family with literature on cancer.
2. Review the content of the literature.

CA-LA LIFESTYLE ADAPTATIONS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand necessary lifestyle adaptations to improve overall quality of life.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss lifestyle adaptations that may be required, such as diet, physical activity, sexual activity, role changes, communication skills and interpersonal relationships.
2. Discuss that family may also require lifestyle adaptations to care for the patient.
3. Discuss ways to optimize quality of life.
4. Review community resources available to assist the patient in making changes. Refer as appropriate.

CA-M MEDICATIONS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the purpose, proper use, and expected outcomes of prescribed drug therapy.

STANDARDS:

1. Describe the name, strength, purpose, dosing directions, and storage of the medication.
2. Discuss the risks, benefits and common or important side effects of the medication and follow up as appropriate.
3. Discuss any significant drug/drug, drug/food, and alcohol interactions, as appropriate.

4. Discuss the importance of keeping a list of all current prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbs, traditional remedies, and supplements. Encourage the patient to bring this list and pill bottles to appointments for medication reconciliation.

CA-MNT MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the specific nutritional intervention(s) needed for the treatment or management of cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) is a systematic nutrition care process provided by a Registered Dietitian (RD) that consists of the following:
 - a. Assessment of the nutrition related condition.
 - b. Identification of the patient's nutritional problem.
 - c. Identification of a specific nutrition intervention therapy plan.
 - d. Evaluation of the patient's nutritional care outcomes.
 - e. Reassessment as needed.
2. Review the basic nutrition recommendations for the treatment plan.
3. Discuss the benefits of nutrition and exercise to health and well-being.
4. Assist the patient/family in developing an appropriate nutrition care plan.
5. Refer to other providers or community resources as needed.

CA-N NUTRITION

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the nutritional care in cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that small frequent meals or modified textures can decrease nausea and vomiting, or other complications associated with the therapy or the disease process.
2. Discuss the use of oral supplements or nutrient dense snacks to boost caloric needs as appropriate.
3. Encourage adequate fluid for hydration.
4. Explain that medications may be provided to enhance appetite, decrease adverse effects of therapy, or the disease process to assist in maintenance of proper nutrition.
5. Discuss caloric needs to improve or maintain nutritional status and provide appropriate micronutrients. Refer to registered dietitian for MNT.
6. Discuss the patient's right to decline nutritional support.

CA-P PREVENTION

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand ways to reduce risk of developing cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss ways to reduce the risk of cancer:
 - a. Tobacco cessation (**Refer to TO-QT**)
 - b. Use of sunscreens and/or reduction of sun exposure
 - c. Reduce exposure to chemicals
 - d. Protected sex (condoms, abstinence, or monogamy)
 - e. Other preventive strategies as currently determined by the American Cancer Society
2. Discuss the importance of health surveillance, recommended screening and routine health maintenance for a patient of this age/sex, e.g., PAP smears, colonoscopy, BSE, TSE, PSA.
3. Emphasize the importance of the early cancer detection. Encourage the patient to come in early if signs of cancer are detected (e.g., unexpected weight loss, fatigue, GI bleeding, new lumps or bumps, nagging cough or hoarseness, change in bowel or bladder habits, changes in warts or moles, sores that don't heal).

CA-PM PAIN MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand and fully participate in the plan for pain management.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that pain management is specific to the disease process and the patient and may be multifaceted. **Refer to PM.**
2. Explain that narcotics and other medications may be helpful to control pain and the symptoms associated with pain or nausea and vomiting.
3. Explain non-pharmacologic measures that may be helpful with pain control.

CA-REF REFERRAL

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the referral and contract health services process.

STANDARDS:

1. Emphasize that referrals to outside providers by Indian Health Service primary providers typically will be processed by Contract Health Services.

2. Explain the procedure for the referral to the private sector is usually based on a priority system and/or waiting list.
3. Explain that coverage by insurance companies and Medicare/Medicaid packages will be utilized prior to contract health service funds, in most cases. The Indian Health Service is a payer of last resort.
4. Discuss the rules/regulations of Contract Health Services.
5. Refer, as appropriate, to community resources for Medicaid/Medicare enrollment, e.g., benefits coordinator, social services. **Refer to ADV.**
6. Discuss the importance of follow-up care and the requirement to notify contract health services of any future appointments and procedures by the private sector. **Referrals are for one visit only**, unless otherwise specified. Future and/or additional referrals must be approved prior to the appointment.

CA-SM STRESS MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient will understand the role of stress management in cancer.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that uncontrolled stress can result in a worsened prognosis in cancer patients.
2. Explain that effective stress management may help reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with cancer, as well as, help improve the patient's sense of health and well-being.
3. Discuss various stress management strategies such as maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Some examples may include:
 - a. Becoming aware of your own reactions to stress
 - b. Recognizing and accepting your limits
 - c. Talking with people you trust about your worries or problems
 - d. Setting realistic goals
 - e. Getting enough sleep
 - f. Maintaining a healthy diet
 - g. Exercising regularly
 - h. Taking vacations
 - i. Practicing meditation, self-hypnosis, and positive imagery
 - j. Practicing physical relaxation methods such as deep breathing or progressive muscular relaxation
 - k. Participating in spiritual or cultural activities
4. Provide referrals as appropriate.

CA-TE TESTS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the test(s) to be performed, the potential risks, the expected benefits, and the risks of non-testing.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain test(s) that have been ordered (explain as appropriate):
 - a. method of testing
 - b. necessity, benefits, and risks of test(s) to be performed
 - c. any potential risk of refusal of recommended test(s)
 - d. any advance preparation and instructions required for the test(s)
 - e. how the results will be used for future medical decision-making
 - f. how to obtain the results of the test
2. Explain test results:
 - a. meaning of the test results
 - b. follow-up tests may be ordered based on the results
 - c. how results will impact or effect the treatment plan
 - d. recommendations based on the test results

CA-TX TREATMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the treatment plan.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain the treatment plan. Emphasize the importance of active participation by the patient/family in the development of and adherence to the treatment plan.
2. Explain the difference between palliative and curative treatments. Explain that treatments may prolong the patient's life and improve the quality of life by increasing patient comfort or curing the disease process.
3. Discuss therapies that may be utilized, including chemotherapy, surgical debulking or removal of tumor, and radiation therapy as appropriate.
4. Explain that various treatments have their own inherent risks, side effects, and expected benefits. Explain the risk/benefit of treatment and non-treatment.
5. Discuss the importance of maintaining a positive mental attitude.