Increasing Capacity for the Introduction of Oncology Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) Roles in Under-serviced Communities: A Participatory and Facilitative Approach

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PROJECT GOALS

1. Develop and evaluate tools and resources to support APN role implementation.
2. Establish clearly defined APN roles and role outcomes through the use of a systematic, population based, patient-centered framework.
3. Create practice environments that support APN roles in new models of cancer care through the use of collaborative, interprofessional, and intersectoral strategies.

ONCOLOGY APN ROLES

Includes clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and nurse practitioner (NP) roles that share responsibilities for maximizing patient and health system outcomes by:
- Providing clinical care across the cancer continuum
- Improving nursing practice and health care delivery through integrated role activities related to education, research, organizational leadership and scholarly and professional development

ONCOLOGY APN ROLE IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT

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- Survey of Ontario cancer care administrators
- Expert panel

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- Toolkit revisions, final production and dissemination.

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SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

September 2008 to April 2009:
- Increased stakeholder awareness of APN roles and role implementation resources (i.e. Toolkit)
- Increased the uptake of the Toolkit and strategies that promote effective use of APN roles provincially and nationally
- Build relationships with and between stakeholders to support the implementation of oncology APN roles in the long-term.

REFERENCES


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