

contribute to quality monitoring and “dashboarding.”

The Institute for Human Caring (Institute) was founded in 2014 and charged with advancing models of goal-aligned care across the Providence St. Joseph Health system. The Institute has focused on operationalizing a scalable pilot to demonstrate the feasibility of delivering high quality goal-aligned care, while also attending to patients’ emotional, spiritual, interpersonal, social and mental wellbeing.

Using resources from Ariadne labs, CAPC, and ACP Decisions, the Institute deployed a mutually-reinforcing strategic change program at a 327 bed hospital in California. A core element of this program empowers non-palliative care clinicians to conduct goals of care (GOC) conversations with seriously ill patients. All inpatient clinicians were encouraged – and some mandated – to attend in an educational, skill-based training session focused on GOC conversations. Electronic health record (EHR) tools were created to document GOC conversations, which allowed for the creation of automated dashboards displaying unit-based performance. On site, project management support was deployed to inpatient units to assist clinicians in utilizing patient-education and EHR tools.

A total of 5,148 GOC conversations occurred over a two-year period. During the initial launch quarter, only 1% (32/3186) of hospitalized patients with a chronic serious illness had a documented GOC note; the frequency rose to 42% (1235/2928) in the final quarter of the pilot program. These conversations were associated with important differences in code status preferences. During hospitalization, 4% of seriously-ill patients without a GOC note changed their code status, compared to 8% with a GOC conversation in their EHR. Palliative care consultation further increased the percent of code status changes. Additionally, patient experience, measured by key Press-Ganey items showed improvement in domain of nurse and physician communication when a GOC conversation was documented.

Detailed, updated results will be presented along with methodologies, tools, and lessons learned for implementing a program of this type.

The –ibs, –abs and Beyond—Immunotherapies for Pediatric Cancer Treatment and What They Mean for Pain and Symptom Management and Patient Prognosis (TH337)



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Objectives

- Describe immunotherapy and its use in pediatric cancer treatment, including the risks and benefits of immunotherapy.
- State what symptoms are expected for patients receiving immunotherapy.
- Recognize how immunotherapies are changing prognosis for pediatric cancer patients.

Background. Use of Immunotherapy for pediatric cancer treatment is rapidly increasing. Medications such as blinatumomab, dinutuxumab, tisagenleclucel and others are dramatically changing the field of pediatric Oncology, and it is imperative that Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) providers understand pain and symptom management needs as well as changes in prognosis for patients undergoing intensive immunotherapy.

Discussion. Using a case-based discussion, we will review immunotherapies currently in use and being studied for treatment of pediatric cancers. We will discuss the risks, benefits and symptom burden that accompany each medication. We will also discuss which medications are being used for management of which pediatric cancers, and how these medications are changing prognosis and patient outcomes. We will talk in-depth about what PPC teams should know when providing decision-making support to patients and families who are considering immunotherapies for cancer treatment.

Conclusions. Given the rapid pace at which pediatric cancer treatment is changing, PPC providers must add management of immunotherapy side effects and counseling around treatment risks and benefits to their palliative toolbox. This session will help keep providers up to date on the changing landscape of pediatric cancer therapy.

GeriPal Podcast Live! Podcasting in Hospice and Palliative Care (TH338)



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Objectives

- Describe the steps in developing a podcast on a limited budget.
- Utilize effective interview strategies to engage guest speakers about their work.
- Commit to one change in their use of social media following the session.

One in four Americans listen to podcasts on at least a monthly basis. Apple features more than 500,000 active podcasts in more than 100 languages. Despite the growing importance of this medium from a clinical, research, and educational perspective, there is a