Foundations to Practice:  
Pathophysiology of Cancer, Cancer Treatment Modalities and the Immune System

This course provides an overview of the principles and roles of various cancer therapies. Included are clinical trials, surgery, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, biological therapies, radiation therapy, stem cell transplantation, complementary therapy, a review of the pathophysiology of cancer, and the immune system.

This course is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for the Comprehensive Chemotherapy and Biological Therapies Course.

All courses are sponsored by UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.

The faculty consists of health care professionals with expertise in cancer care at UPMC.

**Time & Location:**
This course will be held on the UPMC Shadyside campus in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh, PA. Exact location will be provided in the confirmation letter sent one week prior to the class. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. and lectures begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. The course concludes at 4:30 p.m.

**Who Should Attend:**
This course addresses the needs of registered nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and other members of the health care team who care for oncology patients in the acute care, outpatient, extended care, rehabilitation, and home care settings. Nurses and other health care professionals involved in cancer care, or those who wish to expand their knowledge of cancer care, are also welcome to attend.

**Continuing Education Credit:**
UPMC Provider Unit is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

To receive 7 Contact Hour(s), the learner must sign in, attend the entire day, complete the activity evaluation, and successfully complete the quiz with a score of 85% or greater.
**Registration Information:**
All UPMC employees are required to register for educational programs through uLearn. uLearn is accessed by logging into MY HUB on the UPMC Infonet. A User Guide is available on the uLearn home page. Manager approval may be required for some programs for some employees. If you receive this notice when enrolling, please notify your manager of your interest in the program.

The registration fee for this individual course is $75. If registration is received for the entire Foundations to Practice series, the total cost is $300. The registration fee includes program materials and morning & afternoon refreshments. Tuition is waived for employees of UPMC and UPMC affiliates.

Deadline for registration is one week before the course date.

Confirmation letters are emailed to all registrants one week prior to class. Confirmation letters contain directions to the site and information on parking as well as other details. If you have any questions, need more information, or do not receive confirmation prior to the course, contact Becky McClelland at mcclellandr2@upmc.edu.

**Cancellation Policy:**
- If you cannot attend any course for any reason, you need to directly notify the course registrar by calling 412-623-3661 and leave a voice mail message or email Becky McClelland at mcclellandr2@upmc.edu.
- If Pittsburgh Public Schools are closed due to treacherous road conditions prior to 6 a.m., our courses are cancelled. Course schedule is not changed by school delays.
- For any adverse weather conditions, please use your best judgment.
- For class cancellations, an announcement will be available at 412-623-3661 and an email will be sent to class attendees.

The program sponsors reserve the right to make changes or cancel the program because of unforeseen circumstances.

**Personal Accommodations:**
Please indicate any personal accommodations you may need for the program, such as sign language interpreter, large print conference materials, Braille conference materials, wheelchair height tables, vegetarian meals, diabetic meals, accessible parking, or other. Please call 412-623-3661 or email mcclellandr2@upmc.edu two weeks prior to the program if you need any personal accommodations in order to participate.
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Objectives

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Identify the role of the Foundations to Practice Series in providing care to patients with cancer.
- Recognize characteristics of malignant disease.
- Explain the role of different treatment modalities in treating patients with cancer.
- Recall the immune system’s function in the development of cancer and treatment of cancer.
- Identify goals of treatment for patients with cancer.
- Recognize the role of clinical trials in treating with cancer.
- Demonstrate learning has occurred by receiving at least an 85% on final quiz.

Course Content

- Chemotherapy, Hormonal Therapy, and Biotherapy
- Clinical Trials
- Goals of Treatment & Treating on Time
- Evaluating Complementary Therapies
- Immune System Overview
- Introduction to Foundations to Practice Series
- Pathophysiology of Cancer
- Radiation Therapy
- Stem Cell Transplantation
- Surgery