Introduction to Oncology for the Health Care Provider

This one-day course provides a general overview of cancer, the disease process, treatments, symptom management, and its impact on patients and families. It is intended to enhance the practice of both health care professionals and ancillary care staff who care for cancer patients in hospitals, ambulatory care, home care, hospice, extended care, or rehabilitation settings.

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 class schedule and location will be provided in the confirmation letter sent one week prior to the class. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. and lectures begin at 8:00 a.m. The course concludes at 3:30 p.m.

**Who Should Attend:**
Staff may be scheduled to attend the morning only or the entire day. The morning topics are applicable to all staff, nurses, office staff, and other health care professionals, who want to learn more about cancer, treatment options, and psychosocial needs of cancer patients. The afternoon topics are geared for nurses, advanced practice providers, and other staff who need to learn about assessment and care of oncology patients, use of blood products, select oncology emergencies, and symptom management.

**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 contact hour(s), the learner must sign in, attend the entire day, and submit a completed evaluation form.
**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 course is $50.00. The registration fee includes program materials and morning & afternoon refreshments. Tuition is waived for employees of the 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 Kendallyn White at hoscheidk@upmc.edu.

**Cancellation Policy:**
- If you cannot attend any course for any reason, you need to directly notify the course registrar by calling 412-623-3651 and leave a voice mail message or email Kendallyn White at hoscheidk@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 412-623-3651 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 412-623-3651 or email hoscheidk@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 this course, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the pathophysiology of malignant disease and factors that can increase a person’s risk of developing cancer.
- Recall the role of different treatment modalities in the management of patients with cancer.
- Identify supportive care, symptom management, and psychosocial needs of patients with cancer.

Course Content

Morning:

- Chemotherapy Handling Measures & Responsibilities for Patients Receiving Chemotherapy
- Overview of Cancer Treatments
- Pathophysiology of Cancer
- The Psychosocial Needs of Patients, Families, and Caregivers

Afternoon:

- Neutropenia & Thrombocytopenia
- Oncology Emergencies
- Pain Management and Nausea & Vomiting
- Use of Blood Products in Patients with Cancer

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