

**Foundations to Practice:  
Hematological Malignancies**

This course provides an overview of specific hematological malignancies, including leukemias, lymphomas, multiple myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndrome. Presentations include information on staging, treatment options, and nursing care issues. This course is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for the Comprehensive Chemotherapy and Biological Therapies Course and/or the Stem Cell Transplant Course.

All courses are sponsored by UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. The faculty consists of healthcare professionals with expertise in cancer care at UPMC.

**Time and Location:**

Lectures begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. The course concludes at approximately 3:00 p.m. Exact location and schedule will be provided in the confirmation letter sent one week prior to the class.

**Who Should Attend:**

This course addresses the needs of advanced practice providers, registered nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and other members of the healthcare team who care for oncology patients in the acute care, outpatient, extended care, rehabilitation, and home care settings. Other healthcare professionals involved in cancer care, or those who wish to expand their knowledge of cancer care, are also welcome to attend.

**Continuing Education Credit:**

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

The University of Pittsburgh has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 5 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 5 contact hours.

To receive 5 Contact Hours, the learner must sign in, attend the entire activity, complete the activity evaluation, and achieve  $\geq 85\%$  on the quiz.

**Registration Information:**

All UPMC employees are required to register for educational programs through Learning via HR Direct. Employees may access HR Direct on the UPMC Infonet. A User Guide is available on the Infonet. 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.

Non-UPMC employees may register for the course by submitting a course registration form to the course director. Registration forms are located on the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Professional Education Website <https://hillman.upmc.com/health-care-professionals/education/courses>

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. Tuition is waived for employees of UPMC and UPMC affiliates.

Deadline for registration is one week before the course date.

**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 leaving a voicemail message or by emailing Amy DiMaggio at [dimaggioa@upmc.edu](mailto:dimaggioa@upmc.edu).
- The 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, or other. Please call 412-623-3651 or email Amy DiMaggio at [dimaggioa@upmc.edu](mailto:dimaggioa@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 will be able to:

- Explain resources available from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- Identify risk factors that may lead to the development of hematologic malignancies.
- Explain the diagnostic work up for hematologic malignancies.
- Explain the treatment of hematologic malignancies.
- Recognize indications for the use of blood products in patients with cancer.
- Demonstrate learning has occurred by receiving at least an 85% on final quiz.

## **Course Content**

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)
- Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)
- Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia (CLL)
- Lymphomas
- Multiple Myeloma
- Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)
- Overview of Hematological Malignancies
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Transfusion Support in Hematology-Oncology Patients