

## **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, homecare, hospice, extended care, or rehabilitation settings.

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:**

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 approximately 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 healthcare professionals who want to learn more about cancer, treatment options, and psychosocial needs of cancer patients. The afternoon topics are geared toward nurses, advanced practice providers, and other staff who need to learn about assessment and care of oncology patients, including the use of blood products, select oncology emergencies, and symptom management.

### **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.

### **Registration Information:**

All UPMC employees are required to register for educational programs through Learning via HR Direct. Employees may access HR Direct by logging into MY HUB 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>

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 activity, and submit a completed evaluation form.

The registration fee for this course is \$50.00. The registration fee includes program materials and morning and 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, 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 Amy DiMaggio at [dimaggioa@upmc.edu](mailto:dimaggioa@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 leaving a voicemail message or by emailing Amy DiMaggio at [dimaggioa@upmc.edu](mailto:dimaggioa@upmc.edu).
- If Pittsburgh Public Schools are closed due to treacherous road conditions prior to 6 a.m., our courses are cancelled. 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, wheelchair height tables, vegetarian meals, diabetic meals, accessible parking, 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 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 and Responsibilities for Patients Receiving Chemotherapy
- Overview of Cancer Treatments
- Pathophysiology of Cancer
- The Psychosocial Needs of Patients, Families, and Caregivers

Afternoon:

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

*\*Morning and afternoon schedule subject to change based on speaker availability*