

**Introduction to Oncology for the Healthcare Provider**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Remote Attendance

Learning Objectives

The learner will be able to:

1. Define the pathophysiology of malignant disease and factors that can increase a person's risk of developing cancer.
2. Recall proper safety guidelines surrounding healthcare workers who are administering, handling, or receiving chemotherapy.
3. Recall the role of different treatment modalities in the management of patients with cancer.
4. Identify supportive care, symptom management, and psychosocial needs of patients with cancer.

Schedule

7:30 am	Registration and Microsoft Teams login	
8:00 am	Welcome and Overview	Amy DiMaggio, MSN, RN, OCN
8:10 am	Pathophysiology of Cancer	Brittni Prosdocimo, MSN, RN, BMTCN
9:05 am	Pain Management and Nausea & Vomiting	Jacqueline Ligerski, CRNP, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, OCN
10:05 am	Break	
10:15 am	Chemotherapy Handling Measures and Responsibilities for Patients Receiving Chemotherapy	Lynne O'Connor, MSN, RN, OCN
10:40 am	Psychosocial Needs of Cancer Patients, Families, and Caregivers	Colleen Johnston, MSW, LCSW
11:20 am	Lunch	
12:00 pm	The Use of Blood Products in Patients with Cancer	Linda Lakdawala, DNP, RN, CPAN
12:35 pm	Neutropenia and Thrombocytopenia	Alyssa Owens, PA-C
1:10 pm	Break	
1:20 pm	Oncologic Emergencies	Amy DiMaggio, MSN, RN, OCN
2:05 pm	Overview of Cancer Treatments	Tricia Seaman, MSN, RN, CMSRN
2:55 pm	Questions and Evaluation	Amy DiMaggio, MSN, RN, OCN
3:00 pm	Adjournment	

Faculty Listing

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