

## **Introduction to Oncology for the Healthcare Provider**

Tuesday, July 1, 2025  
UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Remote Attendance

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Define the pathophysiology of malignant disease and factors that can increase a person's risk of developing cancer.
2. Discuss the role of different treatment modalities in the management of patients with cancer.
3. Identify supportive care, symptom management, and psychosocial needs of patients with cancer.
4. Recall proper guidelines surrounding those who are administering or receiving antineoplastic therapy or immunotherapy.
5. Recognize the signs, symptoms, and diagnostic criteria needed to manage the patient experiencing an oncologic emergency.

### Schedule

7:30 am	Microsoft Teams login	
8:00 am	Welcome and Overview	Amy DiMaggio, MSN, RN, OCN
8:10 am	Pathophysiology of Cancer	Maura Miller, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, OCN
9:05 am	Overview of Cancer Treatments	Ketura Miller, BSN, RN, OCN
10:05 am	Break	
10:15 am	Safe Handling Measures and Responsibilities for Antineoplastic Therapy and Biotherapy	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	Pain Management and Nausea and Vomiting	Laura Davis, RN, OCN
2:05 pm	Oncologic Emergencies	Amy DiMaggio, MSN, RN, OCN
3:00 pm	Adjournment	

Faculty Listing

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