Planning for and Treating
COVID+ Patients in Clinic

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**Situation – The COVID-19 Pandemic**

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Background – Community Cancer Services In Chicago Western Suburbs

**Treatment Capabilities**
- Medical Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgical Oncology
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Clinical Trials

**Accreditations & Certifications**
- ACoS Comprehensive Community Cancer Center
- National Accreditation Program for Breast Cancer
- ASCO Quality Oncology Practice Initiative
- ASTRO Accreditation Program for Excellence APEx

**Support Services**
- Genetic Counselors
- Palliative care
- Nurse navigation
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Support Groups
- Nutrition/Dietician
- Wellness Programming
- Animal and Art Therapy
Assessment – What We Said We Needed To Do

• Keep staff and physicians safe
• Prevent the virus from spreading
• Determine management of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases
• Assure that we have enough equipment and resources
• Make sure we have enough staff
• Ensure effective and consistent communication
Recommendation – The Cancer Programs' Response

- Appointed a steering committee
- Established protocols
- Implemented screening algorithms
- Prioritized patient care
- Minimized exposure for staff, physicians, and patients
- Implemented virtual visits

- Developed terminal clean process
- Developed comprehensive communication plan to keep staff, physicians, and patients aware of rapidly changing guidelines
- Continuously monitor literature and participate in consortiums
Takeaways –

• Prepare for the worst and hope for the best
• We can make rapid decisions when we move together in unison
• Planning for recovery needs to start now and at the same speed and fervor that we prepared for COVID-19
ACCC COVID-19 Resource Center & Listserv

- Weekly Live-Webcast Series; Archived Webcasts Online
- CANCER BUZZ Mini-Podcasts & ACCCBuzz Blogs
- Evidence-Based Guidelines & Information
- Member Discussions & Resources on ACCCExchange

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