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Clinical Research Terms Glossary

TOOL | Launched by the ACCC Community Oncology Research Institute (ACORI), this digital glossary of clinical research terms helps establish a standardized understanding across cancer care team members and serves as a tool to improve patient education and encourage shared decision-making conversations. Explore this online tool at acori-glossary.acc-cancer.org.



ACCC Pursues Health Equity Through ACORI

The ACORI Call to Action Summit, a two-day virtual event held September 13-14, 2021, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders—including community oncology professionals, research team members, patient advocates and advocacy groups, clinical trial sponsors, industry leaders, research networks, cooperative groups, and government and regulatory agencies—to explore practical ways to strengthen and diversify oncology clinical trials. Read more at acc-cancer.org/blog-acori-equity.



Quality Improvement in Breast Cancer Testing

WEBINAR | Hear from three grantee ACCC member programs about their findings and experiences in successfully orchestrating a QI project and expanding BRCA testing for eligible patients with breast cancer. Learn about open opportunities to participate in an ACCC-supported QI project, then see how ACCC's online self-assessment tools can help identify areas of improvement at your program or practice. Listen today at lacc-cancer.org/BRCA-QI-Webinar.



Financial Advocacy Playbook

PODCAST | Financial advocacy is a complex field of work that requires advocates to keep up with the evolving health-care landscape of payer policies, cancer treatment options, available financial assistance, and more. To support new—and experienced—staff who preform financial advocacy services, the ACCC Financial Advocacy Network created the “Ready, Set, Go! Financial Advocacy Playbook.” This episode of CANCER BUZZ TV explores how this robust resource helps relieve financial toxicity so patients can focus on their cancer care. Listen today at acc-cancer.org/FAN-Playbook



Comprehensive Care of Patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer

PUBLICATION | By reviewing the current state of personal engagement in care decisions for patients with advanced prostate cancer, this paper identifies obstacles to shared decision-making between patients and their providers and proposes new ways to better educate this patient population about their treatment options. Read more at acc-cancer.org/advanced-prostate-analysis.

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Clinician Burnout Is Impacting the Patient Experience



- **80%** of surveyed patients said their doctor or nurse seemed burned out during a healthcare visit over the last year.
- **1 in 3** patients believe their quality of care may have been impacted by clinician burnout.
- **70%** of respondents said they were alarmed about high levels of stress and exhaustion among clinicians.
- **1 in 4** respondents said they experienced a healthcare visit that felt rushed.

Source: What Happens When Clinician Burnout Enters the Patient Exam Room? explore.wheel.com/hubfs/Wheel%20-%20Consumer%20Survey%20Report%20FINAL.pdf.

Best Practices for Including Patient Advocates in Your Research Program

- Strive for clear communication with between advocates and providers.
- Clarify roles, expectations, and limitations upfront.
- Be clear about pathways and timing for funding.
- Provide background readings when helpful.
- Ask for help on specific study activities.
- Ask for review of recruitment materials.
- Ask for review of study questionnaires.
- Troubleshoot problems that arise.
- Create “space” for patient advocates to weigh in.

Source: Strom C. Integrating the Community Voice in Cancer Research. acc-cancer.org/home/learn/research-clinical-trials.



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On the heels of “Operation Warp Speed,” which spurred development of COVID-19 vaccines, approximately 66% of patients with cancer and their families surveyed think clinical trials aimed at improving cancer treatments and therapies remain too slow.

Source: June 2021 survey of COTA, Inc., conducted by independent research firm PureSpectrum. cotahealthcare.com.



Study finds that oncologists feel underprepared to communicate the results of tumor genetic profiling to patients, particularly to Black patients who have more mistrust around healthcare and genetic information and testing.

Source: “Oncologists’ Perceptions of Tumor Genomic Profiling and Barriers to Communicating Secondary Hereditary Risk to African American Patients.” Poster session at the virtual scientific program at the American Society of Clinical Oncology 2021 Annual Meeting.

Study Confirms That Americans Neglected Their Healthcare During COVID-19 Pandemic

- **59%** of those surveyed said they experienced adverse health symptoms but did not seek treatment for them. Of this group, **79%** reported they already suffer from co-morbid conditions, like cancer obesity, chronic lung diseases, diabetes, heart conditions, and obesity.
- When asked why they did not seek treatment for a given symptom, most people cited their fear of contracting COVID-19 (**58%**). More than half (**51%**) also cited the cost of care, and **34%** cited the hassle of scheduling an appointment. Nearly **1 in 3** (**29%**) reported that their doctors were not allowing appointments; the same percentage (**29%**) cited loss of insurance.
- Of those already undergoing treatment for an illness when the pandemic started, **61%** said they suspended treatment at some point during the pandemic, and **66%** postponed or canceled a medical appointment.
- **50%** of parents reported that their children missed medical appointments during the pandemic, including routine check-ups and appointments related to existing illness.

Source: National survey of 1,078 Americans. tempus.com/study-confirms-that-americans-neglected-their-healthcare-during-covid-19-pandemic.

