The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) developed a new benchmark for ideal NSCLC care through the national quality care initiative for patients with advanced (stage III/IV) NSCLC.

Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) accounts for >84% of all lung cancer diagnoses in the US.

Expert committee of multidisciplinary specialists and representatives for patient advocacy

Survivorship
Quality criteria for key care areas of management
Diagnosis and biomarker testing
Care coordination and patient education
Staging and treatment planning

Can a new benchmark be established for high quality of care for patients with NSCLC?

32 total recommendations targeting key phases of NSCLC care were framed, of which 9 were key:

- Diagnosis and biomarker testing
  - Use of a broader range of molecular tests
  - Repeat biopsy/plasma testing when needed

- Staging and treatment planning
  - Invasive staging procedures
  - Optimal timing of biomarker testing

- Survivorship
  - Implementation of standardized protocols for surveillance
  - Provision of survivorship care plans

- Care coordination and patient education
  - Involvement of MDT care navigator
  - Patient participation in shared decision-making
  - Patient education

These recommendations can lead to high-quality NSCLC care and serve as a useful resource for practitioners to guide multidisciplinary practice and quality improvement.

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