

Shared Decision-Making Attitudes and Practices in Multidisciplinary Cancer Care Teams

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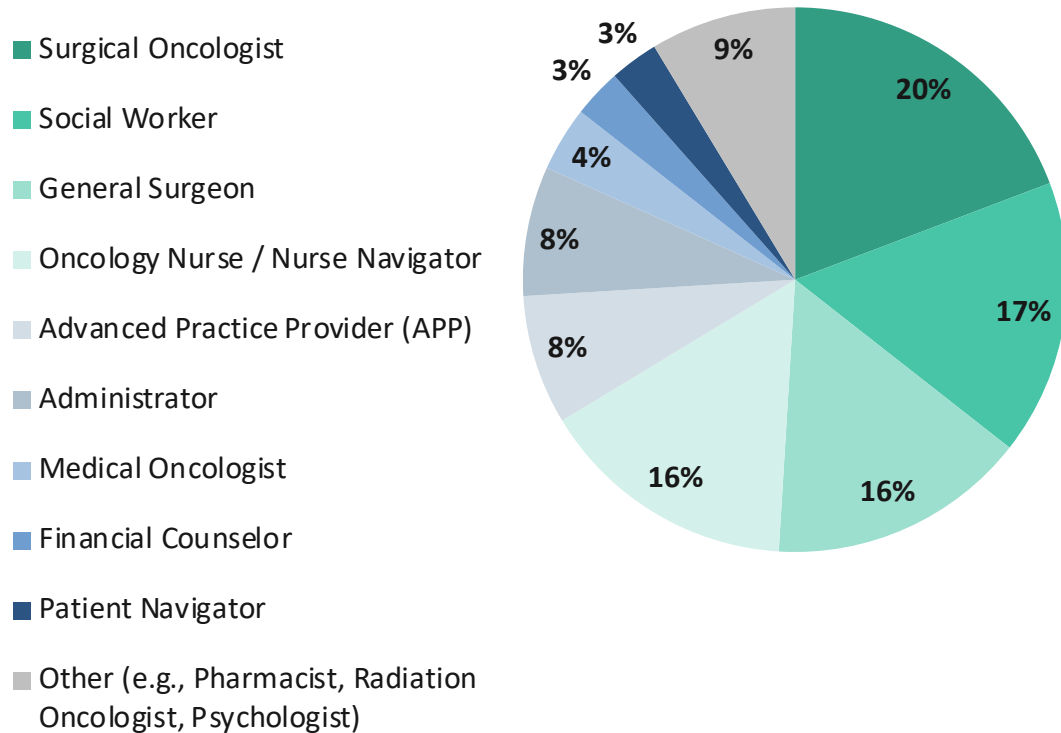


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A survey of multidisciplinary cancer team members

Profession of Survey Respondents n=305



The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) conducted a survey to explore multidisciplinary team attitudes and practices around shared decision-making (SDM) and health literacy.

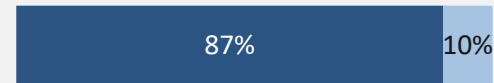
Key Takeaway

SDM is commonly accepted amongst cancer care team members as essential to patient engagement, but clarity in terminology, sufficient training and resources, and formal integration of SDM into practice is limited.

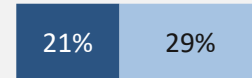
SDM: accepted as essential to patient engagement, but limited formal integration

89% of respondents always or sometimes engage in conversations about treatment decision-making n=305

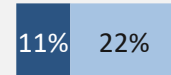
I encourage my patients to actively participate in the decision-making process. (n=269)



SDM is a top priority. (n=301)



There are efforts to formally integrate SDM into clinical workflow/service lines. (n=301)



■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree

According to respondents, basic SDM training is not commonly provided cancer programs n=194

Basic training about SDM 15%

Using patient decision aids 17%

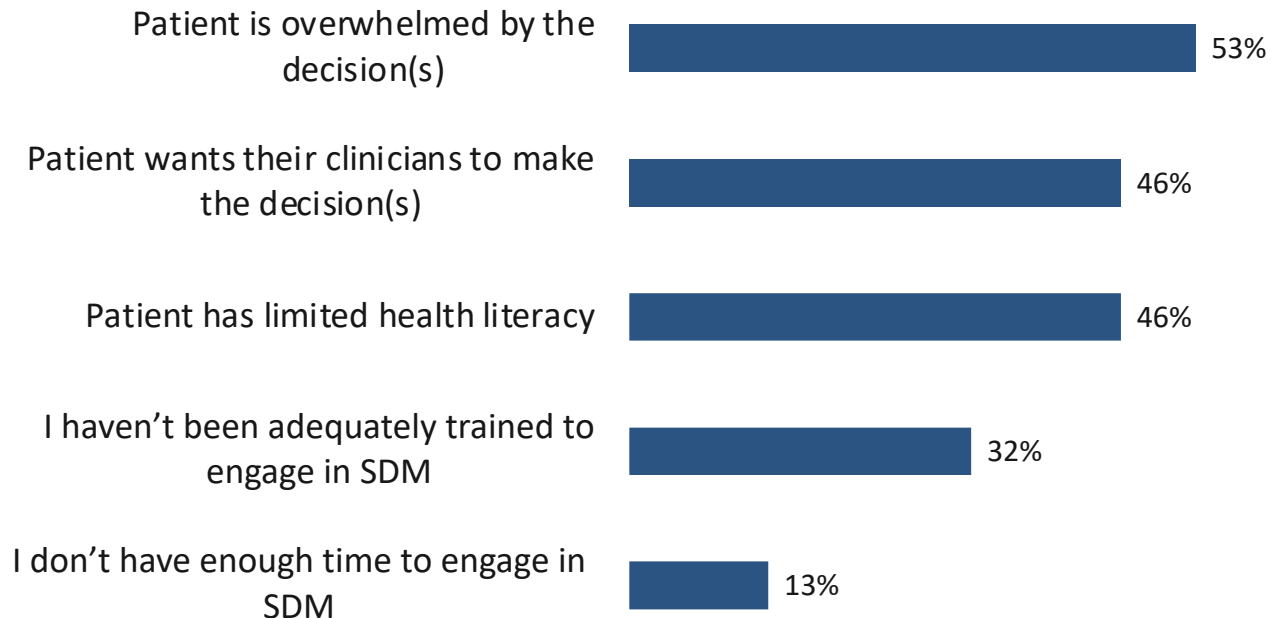
Coaching on communicating treatment risks and benefits 27%

Training on eliciting patient values, goals, and priorities 31%

Perceived barriers and resources needed

Perceived barriers to engaging patients in SDM

n=272



What resources or supporting mechanisms do you wish existed to support you with SDM?

“An evidence-based tool for SDM would be very welcome. Training sessions for providers and support staff.” - *Administrator*

“SDM is not specific enough. It's a process but one that takes training to give clinicians the language and mindset needed to reframe what they do to be inclusive.” – *Oncology Nurse*

Suggested strategies to improve integration of SDM into practice



Educational initiatives and tools to overcome barriers to SDM, including **patient decision aids and SDM training**



Psychosocial support for patients whose emotional upset is a barrier to SDM



Initiatives to **address health literacy** related patient and caregiver engagement in decision-making



Healthcare policies that encourage and **incentive providers** to engage in SDM.