

# CPAN Bringing You Holiday Cheer to Close Out the Year!!





### A Note of Gratitude

As 2019 comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone for your contributions to a successful year. This year, CPAN held over 60 educational/advocacy events across the U.S. CPAN advocates delivered our message (the value of community oncology) on Capitol Hill, at community & practice based events, in various media outlets and by sharing their experiences as cancer patients & survivors in patient advisory roles.

In addition, CPAN maintained high visibility at the national level through support of other advocacy groups and by serving in key opinion leader/speaker roles at multiple national and advocacy oncology events. **Together we made an impact!** 

We are looking forward to 2020 being another great year for CPAN! Please enjoy the CPAN highlights included in this presentation/report.

#### Happy Holidays!

Lakshmi Aggarwal, MD CPAN Medical Co-Chair

Miriam Atkins, MD CPAN Medical Co-Chair

Rose Gerber
Director of Patient Advocacy & Education





## Thank you CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leaders & Our **Supportive Community Oncology Practices'**







Carolina Blood and Cancer Care













































Vista Oncology



### **CPAN Educates Advocates Year Round**



Theme: Ensuring Quality, Affordable & Accessible Cancer Care

- 19 Sessions
- 25 Total Speakers
- 15 States Represented
- 18 Community Oncology Practices Represented
- Survivors, Nurses, Caregivers, Social Workers...representing multiple cancer

#### **COA Patient Advocacy Network**

December 2019 News Bulletin



#### Chapter Spotlight: Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York

Hematology-Oncology Associates of Central New York (HOA) is an innovative leader in cancer care, prevention, and support services that provides patients with cancer and blood disorders clinical services from active treatment through remission. HOA's growing and dedicated staff of health care professionals and support personnel <u>prioritize financial counseling services</u> for patients as part of the care model, an increasingly important service that can deliver peace of mind during a difficult time.

Della, a cancer survivor, became an advocate for community cancer care thanks to the Community Oncology Alliance's (COA) Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) after her treatment at HOA in 2012. This community practice made Della feel genuinely heard and supported by her care team. She recalls when her doctor started laying out all of her treatment options in a way that made her feel comfortable with moving forward. "There was no rush—I knew they must have a thousand patients, but we spent an hour together. It felt like their only concern was me."

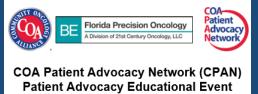


Della, pictured far left, advocates with her peers at COA's national Community Oncology Conference.



Chelsea Klock, RN, OCN, CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leader, hosting a practice based event

#### **CPAN Educational Event Packet**



We support the cure and Advocate for the Care

- CPAN Event Agenda
- Getting to know Community Oncology Alliance (COA)
- CPAN Lifting Patient Voices
- Cancer.com rack card
- Community Oncology Needs You rack card
- Rose Gerber Business card
- Latest CPAN News Bulletin
- Educational Fact Sheets Samples:
  - Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)
     Abuses are Hurting Patients with
     Cancer (front) / Support the IMPACT
     Act: Improving Timely Patient Access to
     Cancer Treatment (back)
  - PBM Horror Stories Vol 5
  - In-Office Dispensing Community
     Oncology Alliance Position Statement



## First Quarter Chapter Event **Advocacy Topic: The Value of Community Oncology**

#### **Community Oncology:** Where You're Treated Makes a Difference



Innovating and Advocating for Community Cancer Care





There are many nighes where name with renner ren on fo Trave are many places where people with cancer can go for treatment, but not all cancer care is created equally. Community oncology is different, because the doctors responsible for treating patients own and operate their local practices. This independence allows doctors and medical professionals to get to know their patients and tailor their care to specific needs and to inform their parties are an extra or practice significant and preference. Setting can be an extra or practices significant or community is also provided in the provided significant or significant and property or some provided significant in a hospital setting, which are actions to close to this way to the latest procedures and sections to close to this.

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community encology practices.

Community oncology practices are where the majority of people with cancer receive their care. Community practices come in all shapes and sizes Community practices come in all anapses and a bas. Some are comprised of just one doctor, which others are made up of dozens of doctors in multiple locations. Altogether, there are more then 5,000 community encologists spanning 950 practices across the country who are disdicated to giving the best care to their patients. Community encology is set sport from cancer care delivered in other settings, because it is:
Personal: Community oncologists and members

of the care management team take the time to get to know their patients and their unique needs. As patients start treatment, a close, personal relationship develops that adds to patient care and comfort and, in many cases,

patient care and comfort and, in many cases, lesses for years following treatment. Convenient: Community encology practices are located close to where patients live and work, making it easier to balance treatment with family and professional obligations.

People who are referred to a community oncology practice may not understand how it is different than a hospital chain or academic medical center. Because community encology practices are independently owned by the doctors providing treatment, the mission of ostient-centered care drives every mission of patient-centered care drives every spect of their operations. The doctors, nurses, and administrative staff of independent communi-oncology practices take time to get to know each patient and understand their unique needs and disphosis, so treatments can be customized. In community oncology, a patient is never made to feel like a "number."

to them, and they were going to make sure I got well.

maintain on-site pharmacles, making it essier and more convenient to start treatment promptly. Since doctor and pharmacist are located in the same building, it's essier for them to work together to coordinate care in the interest of their patients.

Affordable: The same cancer treatment Cancer takes a big emotional toll on patients and performed in a hospital setting can cost up to 50 percent more than in a community oncology setting. families, and every minute it takes to travel to appointments is less time with family or at work. appointments at ieas time with immily or at work. Having the option of receiving treatment from a practice located directly in a local community matters. More convenient care makes an already stressful situation a little easier for people to handle.

ONCOLOGY COSTS LESS THAN CARE IN

When it comes to cancer cere, patients deserve the high-ext-quality treatment. Community oncology practices deliver high-quality cere often at a fraction of the cost of care delivered in other settings. In

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fact, treatment at a hospital chain or academic medical center can cost up to 50 parcent more than care provided in a community oncology practice. A 2014 study from the IMS Institute for Heathcare Informatics found that the average cost for 10 common oncology drugs was \$134 higher per dose when administered in a hospital. Additional research from AmerisourceBergen found that chemotherspy in the community practice setting costs less for patients regardless of whether a branded, generic, or combination of drugs was used.

Patients in community encology also have access ratestra in community oncology size neve access to clinical trials, the lease diagnostics, and cutting-adge treatments. Across the country, dozens of community oncology practices recruit hundreds of cancer patients for clinical trials. In the past three years, the majority of new cancer drugs approved for use in the U.S. were studied in clinical trials in a community encology setting.

#### WHERE CANCER TREATMENT HAPPENS MATTERS

Increasingly, independently-owned and operated community encology practices are facing intense pressure to combine with hospital systems or lenger healthcare providers. This trend has consequences for millions of people with center who depend on for millions of people with cancer who depend on community nonclogy every day. Without local cancer care, people with cancer will get less personalized, convenient care and fewer choices that could end up costing them a lot more.



#### **CPAN** Chapter/Practice Based Educational Event

- Cancer Center of Middle Georgia
- Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders
- Florida Cancer Specialists
  - Clearwater
  - Gainesville
  - Gladiolus/Fort Myers
  - Lakewood Ranch
- Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology
- Hematology Oncology of Central NY
- New Mexico Cancer Center
- Northwest Medical Specialties
- Oklahoma Cancer Specialists
- Tennessee Oncology



## **Second Quarter Chapter Event Advocacy Topic: Community Oncology Conference Overview**



#### **CPAN** Chapter/Practice Based Educational Event

- Cancer Center of Middle Georgia
- Tennessee Oncology
- Augusta Oncology
- Northwest Medical Specialties
- Hematology Oncology of Central NY
- Florida Cancer Specialists
  - Clearwater
  - Gainesville
  - Gladiolus/Fort Myers
  - Lakewood Ranch





## Third Quarter Chapter Event - Sit in My Chair

## SIT IN MY CHAIR Planning a powerful event



This packet includes everything you need to put on a great event, including an invitation email to your member of Congress and/or members of their staff, a planning guide, talking points, follow-up thank you materials, and media outreach tips!

One thing to remember: Don't overthink it! This process is simple — all you have to do is be yourself! Members of Congress represent YOU and your patients. It's part of their responsibilities to engage with their constituents at events like Sit in My Chair. In fact, members of Congress and their staff participate in hundreds of events in their districts every year. Get started today!

If you are part of COA Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) chapter, be sure to involve them in planning and the event itself. Have patient advocates on hand to talk to the representative or Senator and add a real human element to the issues you discuss.

#### A note on representing COA and CPAN at events:

We know you take the responsibility of being a community cancer advocate seriously. Nevertheless, it's important to underscore that by using COA or CPAN materials independently or during an event or advocacy opportunity—even one organized by you—you are representing COA and CPAN.

It's important that you distinguish between personal opinion and experiences and statements you are making on behalf of COA or CPAN. During events, please try to refrain from sharing personal views not consistent with the positions of COA/CPAN in support of community oncology and the patients, practices, and communities that rely on it across the United States.

Should you have any questions about your role as a COA/CPAN spokesperson, we are here to help. We can also connect you with others in your community, help you host an event and provide assistance with learning our policy issues, so you are well prepared for your next community oncology advocacy experience.

We're here to support you just as much as you support local cancer care. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Rose Gerber at roseg@COAcancer.org.

















## Third Quarter Chapter Event Advocacy Topic: Multiple



#### **CPAN Chapter/Practice Based Educational Event**

- Northwest Medical Specialties: PBMs
- The Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders: Biosimilars & PBM's
- Florida Cancer Specialists: Sit in my Chair updates
- Tennessee Oncology: COA Hill Day



## Fourth Quarter Chapter Event

### **Advocacy Topic: Step Therapy**



#### **CPAN** Chapter/Practice Based Educational Event

- Florida Cancer Specialists (5 locations)
- Fort Wayne Medical Hematology Oncology
- Hematology Oncology Associates of CNY
- New Mexico Cancer Center
- Northwest Medical Specialties
- Queens Medical Associates
- Tennessee Oncology





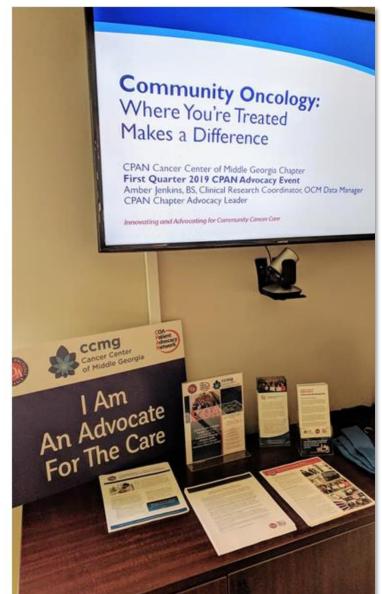
## Augusta Oncology - CPAN Chapter







## Cancer Center of Middle Georgia - CPAN Chapter









## Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates – CPAN Chapter









## **Dayton Physicians Network – CPAN Chapter**

### Community Oncology Alliance advocates for support of independent cancer centers

Data from the 2018 Practice Impact Report shows that, over the past decade, 1,653 community oncology clinics and/or practices have closed, been acquired by hospitals, undergone corporate mergers, or reported they are struggling financially.

The mission of  $\underline{Community.Oncology.Alliance}$  (COA) is to ensure cancer patients receive quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in their own communities. More than  $\underline{1.5}$  million  $\underline{people}$  in the  $\underline{United States}$  are diagnosed with cancer each year, and deaths from the disease have been steadily declining due to earlier detection, diagnosis and treatment.







#### **Dayton Physicians Network**

· October 1 · 🔇

Last week we had, Sam Bain, Representative from Senator Rob Portman's office come for our Sit in my Chair event with Community Oncology Alliance (COA) to get the experience of community cancer care and discuss the issues of PBM's.







## Welcome Eastern Connecticut Hematology Oncology **Associates – CPAN Chapter**



Community oncology clinics are an essential part of Connecticut's' cancer care system, but many have closed, and the survival of others is threatened. We need your voice in advocating for local, quality cancer care.

Eastern Connecticut Hematology Oncology Associates (ECHO) is excited to team up with the Community Oncology Alliance's (COA) Patient Advocacy Network, or CPAN, to launch a local chapter. Patients, survivors, family members, caregivers, and others like yourself can help protect community cancer centers.

Topics will include how to get involved with local cancer advocacy through COA and CPAN, how physicians advocate for patients, why now is the right time for advocacy efforts, how national policy issues impact local patient care, and much more.

Please join us for the Eastern Connecticut Hematology Oncology Associates CPAN chapter launch event!

#### **Guest Speakers:**



Director of Clinical Research





Anne Slam CMOM Cunthia Przekon RN RSN Practice Administrator CPAN Chapter Advocacy





**CPAN Chapter Launch Event** 

December 5, 2019 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Eastern Connecticut Hematology Oncology Associates Conference Room 3 (main entrance to the hospital) 330 Washington St Suite 220 Norwich, CT 06360

For questions and/or to RSVP: Cynthia Przekop, RN, BSN cprzekon@echoct.com

Refreshments to be served \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

To Learn more about:

COA's Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN): www.COAadvocacy.org

Community Oncology Alliance (COA): www.communityoncology.org

Eastern CT Hematology Oncology Associates (ECHO): www.echoassoclates.org









## Florida Cancer Specialists – CPAN Chapter













## **Welcome** - Florida Precision Oncology - CPAN

## **Chapter**



Community oncology clinics are an essential part of Florida's cancer care system, but many have closed, and the survival of others is threatened. We need your voice in advocating for local, quality cancer care.

Florida Precision Oncology is excited to team up with the Community Oncology Alliance's (COA) Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) to launch a local chapter here in Southeast Florida. Patients, survivors, family members, caregivers and others like yourself can help protect community cancer centers.

Topics will include how to get involved with local cancer advocacy through COA and CPAN, how physicians advocate for patients, why now is the right time for advocacy efforts, how national policy issues impact local patient care, and much more.

Please join us for the Florida Precision Oncology CPAN chapter launch

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**



Simon Blanc, M.D. Medical Oncologist Florida Precision Oncology



Carla Cantor, MSN, APRN, ANP-C CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leader Florida Precision Oncology





Rose Gerber Director of Patient Advocacy & Education Community Oncology Alliance

Florida Precision Oncology: <a href="https://www.21co.com/florida-precision-oncology">www.21co.com/florida-precision-oncology</a>
COA's Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN): <a href="https://www.coaadvocacy.org">www.coaadvocacy.org</a>
Community Oncology Alliance (COA): <a href="https://www.communityoncology.org">www.communityoncology.org</a>









## Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology - CPAN Chapter

#### **COA Patient Advocacy Network**

September 2019 News Bulletin

#### Chapter Spotlight: Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology



Community encology practices across the country treat the majority of cancer patients and are critical components of the community. In Indiana, CPAN chapter member Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology provides patients with opportunities to get engaged in local advocacy. As Advocacies for the Care, chapter members use storytelling to show elected officials how bad policy impacts real patients, in addition to initiating media interviews, and hosting educational events at their practice.

Because of community oncology, Fort Wayne advocates like Nicole, a mother of five, know that cancer does not have to be a death sentence. She is grateful everyday for the care she received at her community oncology gradice. Nicole

says she joined the Fort Wayne chapter to preserve local community oncology to ensure that others in her community have the same options she had for local, personalized, compassionate care.

- Read Noole's story and learn how you can get involved at COAAdvocacy.org.
- <u>Upload your advocacy story</u> for a chance to be featured in our next new sletter!





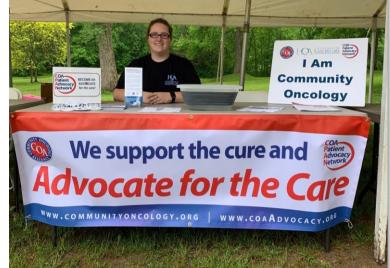


## Hematology Oncology Associates of Central NY – CPAN Chapter













### **New Mexico Cancer Center - CPAN Chapter**

## COA-Patient Advocacy Network

### Upcoming Advocacy Event

Join the New Mexico Cancer Center CPAN Chapter for our next advocacy educational event Topic: Fail First/Step Therapy

Thursday, December 19, 2019 11:30am-12:30pm New Mexico Cancer Center 4901 Lang Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

During this event patients will learn about the positive impact of community oncologists ensuring that patients always get the right individual cancer treatment.

You will also learn about the concerning effects of middlemen (Pharmacy Benefit Managers) not oncologists, dictating which treatments patients with cancer can or cannot receive. As a community oncology practice, we are working to ensure that a patient's medical needs are the first and only requirement for cancer care.

You will also learn more about how to get involved with our New Mexico Cancer Center CPAN Chapter and enjoy networking opportunities.

#### For more information or to RSVP:

Marta Bauman, RN, BSN, OCN, Nursing Manager Infusion Services, CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leader martab@nmohc.com



COA Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN): <a href="https://www.coaddvocacy.org">www.coaddvocacy.org</a>
Community Oncology Alliance (COA): <a href="https://www.communityoncology.org">www.communityoncology.org</a>
New Mexico Cancer Center: <a href="https://www.communityoncology.org">mreancercenter.org</a>







## Northwest Medical Specialties - CPAN Chapter



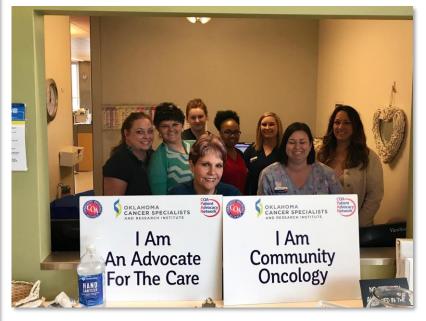




## Oklahoma Cancer Specialists - CPAN Chapter









## **Queens Medical Associates – CPAN Chapter**



QMA's Executive Director, Susan Dicosola, participated in Flatiron's Oncocloud2019's panel discussion, "How to Develop and Optimize Patient Engagement Programs."

"It was a complete joy to collaborate with our familiar colleague Rose Gerber, Director of Patient Advocacy & Education, Community Oncology Alliance and forge new bonds with Jess Quiring, Oncology Navigation and Outreach Manager, New Mexico Cancer Center and James Hamrick, MD Senior Medical Director Flatiron Health" - Susan Dicosola, MS, CMPE

#QMACARES #CaringIsInOurDNA #Oncology #Flatiron #COA

















## **Tennessee Oncology - CPAN Chapter**

TN Oncology - Murfreesboro with Christopher Waynick, MD TN Oncology - Southern with Jack Erter, MD

TN Oncology - Chattanooga



### **Upcoming Advocacy Event**

Join the Tennessee Oncology CPAN Chapter for our next advocacy educational event

Friday, January 11th, 2019 Tennessee Oncology 2004 Hayes Street, Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37203

#### During this event you will learn:

- Where you receive your cancer care matters not all cancer care is
- · Why high-quality, cutting edge, community oncology settings cost less than other sites of care
- · Why we need YOUR VOICE to preserve community oncology care

For more information or to RSVP: Laura Taylor, R.N., B.S.N. CPAN Chapter Advocacy Leader Lctaylor@tnonc.com

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Community Oncology Alliance

Tennessee Oncology



## **Welcome Texas Oncology, Fort Worth – CPAN**

## Chapter



CHAPTER LAUNCH

Fort Worth, TX

July 25, 2019 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Texas Oncology-Fort Worth Cancer Center



Are you a patient, cancer survivor, family member/caregiver clinician, employee, or member of the community? We invite you to join us at Texas Oncology—Fort Worth Cancer Center on July 25 at 5:30pm, as we team up with Community Oncology Alliance Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) to launch a local chapter. See flyer for details.





## **Welcome Texas Oncology, Austin Central – CPAN Chapter**







## The Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders – CPAN Chapter





Join us for The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders CPAN Chapter Advocacy Event on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to Jennifer Sassano at jsassano@txcc.com.







## **Utah - CPAN Community Educational Event**



#### COA's Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN) is hosting an advocacy educational event

Community oncology clinics are an essential part of
Utah's cancer care system, but many have closed, and the
survival of others is threatened. We need your voice in
advocating for local, quality cancer care.

Patients, survivors, family members, caregivers, and others like yourself can help protect community cancer centers.

Topics will include how to get involved with local cancer advocacy through COA and CPAN, how physicians advocate for patients, why now is the right time for advocacy efforts, how national policy issues impact local patient care, and much more.

#### **Guest Speakers:**



Rick Frame, MD CPAN Medical Chairman, Emeritus



Randall Mansfield CPAN Advocacy Leader



**CPAN Educational Event** 

December 3, 2019 6:30 - 8:00 PM

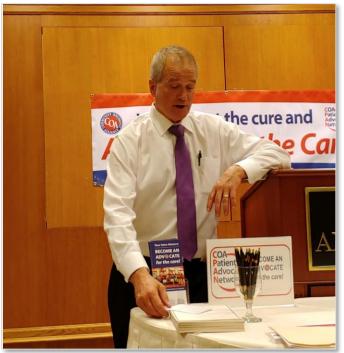
Little America Hotel Uinta Room 500 South Main Street Salt Lake City, UT 84101

For questions and/or to RSVP: Randall Mansfield

Refreshments to be served

COA's Patient Advocacy Network
(CPAN): www.COAadvocacy.org

Community Oncology Alliance
(COA): www.communityoncology.org







## **CPAN** Promotes the Value of Community Oncology at the National Level

## **ASCO**°



Advocacy Pavilion: CPAN Exhibitor Booth

### CURE®'s First Patient Conference Focused on Offering Education About Breast Cancer

Our first annual one-day agenda during the Miami Breast Cancer Conference® gave details about treatments, side effects, genetics, survivorship and more.

IN LINE WITH ITS mission to provide cancer updates, research and education, CURE Media Group hosted its first patientfocused meeting on March 9 at the 36th Annual Miami Breast Cancer Conference.

For 36 years, the Miami Breast Cancer Conferences, run by Physicians' Education Resource, has brought together surgical, medical and radiation oncologists, as well as geneticists, pathologists, radiologists and supportive-care specialists, to foster awareness of state-of-the art treatments for all stages and subtypes of breast cancer. In parallel to this conference, CURE Media Group's new full-day event helped educate, inform and equip patients and their loved ones with resources and knowledge in the breast cancer space, designed to assist them through the cancer continuum, from diagnosis through treatment and into survivorship.

Here, we share some of the news that came out of patient-focused sessions.

#### An Advocate Encourages Patients to Enroll in Clinical Trials

ROSE GERBER BELIEVES IN clinical trials, and she has practiced what she prasches, As someone who has participated in these studies, she urges others to do the same. During the patient conference, Gerber described her experience in a 2003 trial testing chemotherapy with or without Herceptin (trastuzumab), which has been used since 1998 to treat HER2-positive breast cancer. She spoke on behalf of the Community Oncology Alliance, for which she serves as director of patient advocacy and education.



Gerber was referred to the trial by her care team, she said, but patients can see other resources to find studies that might help them, including websites for major cancer centers and organizations such as Susan G. Komen (www.komen. orgy, <u>Breastcancer.org</u> and the American Society for Clinical Oncology (<u>cancer.net</u>).



**CPAN Advocates on Capitol Hill** 





## **CPAN Supports Other Advocacy Organizations**



AtlanticLive – People v. Cancer Survivorship Today



Cancer Innovation Coalition Innovations in Transparency and Care Planning



Strengthening Patient Advocacy Engagement Conference

Enhancing interactions between industry and patient advocacy professionals



Medicare Part D
Out-Of-Pocket Costs Roundtable Meeting



#### **Cancer Policy Roundtable**

The Oncology Care Model & Other Payment Models to Support Quality Care, Cost of Care for Seniors/Inclusion in Clinical Trials



**FDA Expanded Access Roundtable** 



Miami Breast Care Conference Participating in Clinical Trials



The Gift of Advocacy



Advocacy Workshop

Access Barriers in Clinical Care,
Economics of Prevention



How to Develop and Optimize Patient Engagement Programs



#### **Patient Workshop**

From The Chemo Chair to Capitol Hill - A survivors story from cancer patient to national cancer advocacy leadership



#### Summit

Ensuring Patient Access to Cancer Care in an Evolving Landscape





## **CPAN Supports Our Corporate Partners in Their Advocacy Efforts**



8th Annual Advocacy Forum



Patient's Partners: Managing Care in an Era of Advanced Therapies



**Innovation Project** 



**Advocacy Briefing** 





**Advocacy Briefing** 







### In Their Own Words...

- COA/ CPAN has helped me develop my voice, develop my words (I always say Chemo, may have stolen my words but It did not steal my heart) and reinvent myself as a survivor. COA is a desperately needed voice in a sea of medical tragedy, from PBM-fail first, to medical giants limiting & taking out care away. The COA conference made my voice stronger and gave me more resolve. There is a feeling of unity with all the physicians, pharm reps, office people and advocates. CPAN has given me a platform for people to listen, for others to learn but more importantly it has empowered me and many others to stand up for change, to say HEAR ME, you and others do not have to be victims of the healthcare giants! I made some very good friends that I otherwise would never have met. ~NA, Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology
- Thank you for the opportunity to participate in Capitol Hill Day on 5-15-19 representing Augusta Oncology with COA. Last year was my first year participating in CPAN's Capitol Hill Day where we educated our Senators, their staff and Congressmen on the impact of 340B pricing and PBMs on patient care. This year was a different story. The senators, congressmen and their staff already knew about PBMS and the unnecessary interference they cause between our patients and physicians. This year we continued the conversation where last year in some instances we broke ground. Our patients told their stories of how our office pharmacies have their prescribed drug available to be dispensed and PBMs will not allow them to get it filled there. We Educated Senators, Congressmen and staff to new topic of the IMPACT bill being written and asked for their support. Again, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this important advocacy program. ~NS, Augusta Oncology
- I have to say; only having been to 2 COA meetings being relatively new to the whole team and all, I think the you and really the whole small COA team put on an outstanding conference. I have been to some big ones ONS, ASCO and NCCN and things went very well. Great Job! ~LP, Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology
- As a chapter leader, I enjoyed the personal connections with my fellow leaders and brought home ideas I hope to implement in my own clinic. As a new chapter, hearing from more seasoned leaders gave me hope that we too, will gain momentum and will find more members and eventual strength in more numbers. I am always humbled by oncology patients and by my colleagues, wherever I go, and this conference was no different. It solidified why being an Oncology Certified Nurse is my calling and working with such strong and beautiful patients every day is a privilege. ~MB, New Mexico Cancer Center
- Well we did it-4 meetings in one year!! We hosted CPAN events in 5 locations. The Lakewood Ranch location had a riveting group that met for another 45 minutes after I ended the video conference. ~BW, Florida Cancer Specialists

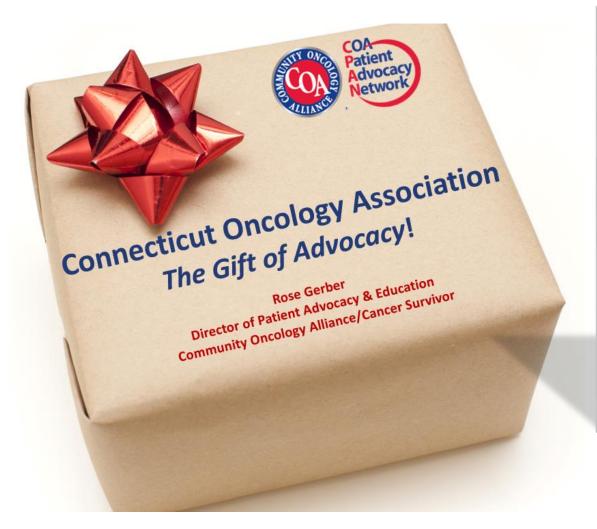


### In Their Own Words...

- On a positive note, I have wondered for a few years if community cancer treatment sites had the same access to the latest treatments and clinical trials as the large institutions. In the back of my head I often thought, "Would my cancer have returned if I had been treated by a large hospital with more access to the latest treatments?" I was so comforted and pleased to learn (at the conference) that community oncology sites have the same protocol, except they offer BETTER treatment because it is more personalized and convenient to be treated it in ones' own community. I have told as many people as will listen about my experience at the conference and I will continue to spread the word about COA and CPAN and continue to go my part to fight for community oncology and universal access to affordable cancer treatment! ~TT, Tennessee Oncology
- My energy is not what it was before Cancer, but what I have, I dedicate to this great and worthy cause. I am thrilled to listen to presentations by You, Ted and so many other dedicated Advocates. I am humbled to realize how much effort and time that everyone at COA and CPAN puts into making this program a success. All of you, including my CPAN friend, Tracey Banks, make not only my life better, but everyone who is privileged to learn from you. You are all life savers. ~RM, Utah State
- "At our chapter events, we're thrilled to see the cross-discussion that happens among our patients, survivors, and caregivers. Advocates at our event are motivated to respond to these issues and bring CPAN into their own organizations. We're so excited to be building advocacy momentum at our chapter!" ~ Susan Dicosola, Executive Director, Queens Medical Associates, New York.
- It was such a pleasure meeting you and I want to express my gratitude to you for speaking at QMA today. Your presentation was not only educational, it was inspiring! You spoke from your heart about your experience, both positive and negative, and related so well to our participants. I observed many in the audience nodding their heads in agreement with you as you spoke. You have succeeded in educating many more people about Clinical Trials and I am certain that they will speak about today's event to others and continue to spread your word. Keep up your great work! ~Karen Eisenberg, RN, MPS, Director of Clinical Research, Queens Medical Associates, PC



# CPAN Closed Out the Year Providing Advocacy Education & Celebrating Patients!





Celebrating Patients Holiday Meeting 12-12-19



## Thank you for being a part of CPAN efforts and outcomes!



Lakshmi Aggarwal, MD CPAN Medical Co-Chair Fort Wayne Medical Oncology Hematology



Miriam Atkins, MD CPAN Medical Co-Chair Augusta Oncology



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### We Are Advocates for the Care!