



Your Everyday Provider: The Role of Oncology Nurses

Today's Chat Agenda

- Updates: Community Oncology Alliance (COA) and COA's Patient Advocacy Network (CPAN)
- Shannon Besselman, RN, BSN
 - Overview of our Community Oncology Practice
 - The various roles of nurses in community oncology practices
 - My nursing journey and patient care



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Overview of our Community Oncology Practice

Hematology/Oncology

6 locations (Puyallup, Tacoma, Bonney Lake, Federal Way, Gig Harbor, Olympia – Washington)

MDs: 13 APPs: 20

Infusion nurses: 25

Triage nurses: 10

Research nurses: 9

Theranostics nurse: 2

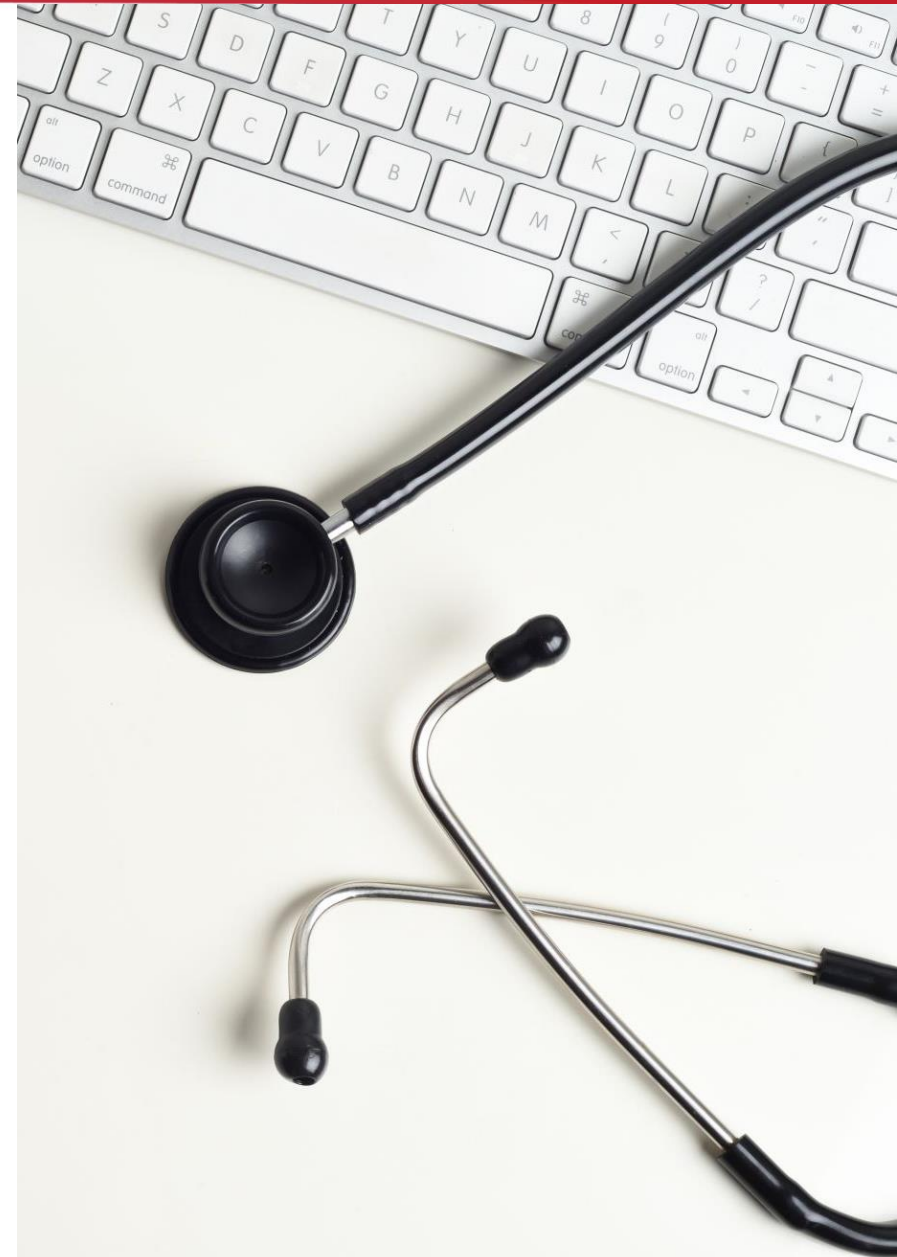


My Nursing Journey

I started my nursing journey in a hospital setting as a bedside nurse.



Moving into a clinical setting began working as an infusion nurse at the chairside – administering infusions and assisting in coordination of care. Moved into leadership and have continued to guide and mentor our clinical teams.



The Role of Infusion Nursing

Provide patient education

Provide side effect management

Provide nursing care for assigned patients

Provide psychosocial support

Ensuring proper dosing and safety protocols

Monitoring vital signs, labs and assessing overall patient status

Working collaboratively with the provider team to ensure providing comprehensive care

Administer chemotherapy, immunotherapy, bi-specifics, fluid, electrolytes and other oncology/hematology treatments as prescribed.



Thank You Shannon Besselman!

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