

The Bree Collaborative Chemotherapy Charter and Roster

Problem Statement

Chemotherapy to treat cancer can cause a wide variety of side effects from hair loss to pain, nausea, and a decrease in white blood cells leading to infections.¹ Patients frequently seek treatment through emergency departments, indicating an opportunity for better symptom management throughout the disease course through oncology and primary care and also during and after the emergency department visit.²

Aim

To develop best practice recommendations for symptom management during chemotherapy regarding:

- Assessment of patients undergoing chemotherapy
- Supportive services
- Care delivery framework(s)

Purpose

To propose evidence-based recommendations to the full Bree Collaborative on:

- Defining care delivery pathways for interdisciplinary team-based care including pain management, assessing patient and caregiver needs, and care coordination.
- Standard evaluation of patients undergoing chemotherapy for cancer treatment.
- Integrating palliative care alongside life-prolonging and/or curative care.
- Addressing health disparities in access to and quality of chemotherapy.
- Process and patient outcome metrics.
- Addressing barriers to integrating recommendations into current care systems.
- Identifying other areas of focus or modifying areas, as needed.

Duties & Functions

The Chemotherapy workgroup will:

- Research evidence-based and expert-opinion informed guidelines and best practices (emerging and established).
- Consult relevant professional associations and other stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts for feedback, as appropriate.
- Meet for approximately nine months, as needed.
- Provide updates at Bree Collaborative meetings.
- Post draft report(s) on the Bree Collaborative website for public comment prior to sending report to the Bree Collaborative for approval and adoption.
- Present findings and recommendations in a report.
- Recommend data-driven and practical implementation strategies.
- Create and oversee subsequent subgroups to help carry out the work, as needed.
- Revise this charter as necessary based on scope of work.

