An Introduction to the VA Precision Oncology System of Excellence

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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the paradigm shift in cancer treatment for Veterans through Precision Oncology.
2. Explain how the VA-Prostate Cancer Foundation partnership will establish a System of Excellence for Precision Oncology that will:
   a) Build critical data and evidence-based decision-making tools
   b) Expand VA genetic sequencing capabilities
   c) Enhance access to clinical trials
3. Understand and describe the scope partner affiliations of the VA National Precision Oncology Program to include:
   a) Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO)
   b) Pharmacogenomics Action for Cancer Survivorship (PHASeR)
   c) Tele-oncology Program
4. Describe VA strategy and future vision for cancer treatment through a Precision Oncology System of Excellence.
BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF)

• Consultation with VHA Finance occurred on 9/20 concerning funding of the initiative.
  • Recommendation provided was to bring the matter before the NGB.
• FY2020 Objectives are being prioritized based on the above and known availability of funding
• RFA for Lung Cancer Hubs has been developed

ISSUES/DELAYS SINCE LAST UPDATE

• The initiative ranking (by 10P) ranked 12 of 26. Potential to not receive FY2021 funding has put the project at risk of failure.
• Availability of funding will impact FY2020 objectives related to clinical pathways, genetic counseling and genetic sequencing.

UPCOMING MILESTONES (4-6 weeks)

• Establish FY2020 Q1 Objectives (9/27)
• Establish Clinical Pathways Working Group (10/1)
• Finalize and Release RFA for Lung Cancer Hubs (10/1)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND F2F MEETINGS

• Molecular Testing Working Group (10/4)
• AMSUS Planning Monthly Meeting w/ DUSH for DEAN and Policy & Planning Services (10/8)
• EIC Pre-Brief: Precision Oncology AMSUS Presentation (10/16)
• VHA Governance Board: (10/22 – 10/23)
• AMSUS Annual Meeting (12/4)
Presentations

12:30 p.m.  **Introduction and Overview “What we mean by Precision Oncology”** - Dr. Clancy
- Veteran Video / Testimonial (3 min)

12:40 p.m.  **Enhancing Access to Clinical Trials** - Dr. Rettig
- Precision Oncology in Prostate Cancer
- Prostate Cancer Precision Clinical Trials.
- Impact of MVP on Prostate Cancer Clinical Care
- Future Directions in Prostate Cancer Treatment and Research

1:00 p.m.  **VA National Precision Oncology** – Dr. Kelley
- APOLLO – An Intra agency collaboration
- PHASer – A Public-Private Partnership in Pharmacogenomics
- Transforming Oncology Care Delivery in VA
- Providing Veteran Access to Tele-oncology
- A Vision for the Future: Precision Oncology System of Excellence

1:20 p.m.  **Panel Discussion** – Dr. Clancy
Panelists - Veteran (TBN), Dr. Montgomery Dr. Ramoni, Deborah Scher, Dr. Simons

1:55 p.m.  **Closing** – Dr. Clancy
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