



Background

- Oncology Pharmacy Technicians are integral contributors to the care of cancer patients
- In an effort to promote higher quality patient care, NCODA created the Pharmacy Technician Committee in 2018
- In late 2018, the Pharmacy Technician Committee evolved into OPTA and became its own Association
- OPTA is the first and only association specifically for Oncology Pharmacy Technicians dedicated to supporting and encouraging their professional development
- Focus includes setting the standards for oncology pharmacy technicians
- A growing group of 400+ peers nationwide

Objective

- Create a platform for connecting oncology pharmacy technicians
- Exchange practical information around effective practices
- Develop Quality Standards
- Create a certification process for oncology pharmacy technicians

Format

- Monthly OPTA Webinars
- Monthly Leadership Meetings
- Discussion Board engagement
- Regularly scheduled Email Updates
- Certification Initiative

Monthly Webinars

- Second Wednesday of each month at 3PM EST
- Three content areas (topics change monthly):
 - Drug Update
 - Peer Presentation
 - Technician Practice in Focus
- Certification Update
- Continuing Education resources
- Future engagement opportunities

Initiatives

- Creating a certification for oncology pharmacy technicians
 - Process underway with growing membership body
- Continuing Education
 - Developing oncology pharmacy technician specific courses that support the OPTA Quality Standards
- Networking & Community Building
 - Emails, Webinars, Discussion Board
 - NCODA meetings: Fall Summit and Spring Forum
 - Technician specific sessions

Discussion

- OPTA is the leading organization in the professional development of oncology pharmacy technicians
- Complimentary Membership
- Exchange of knowledge and effective practices
- Get involved today to help shape the future
- Continuing to build infrastructure for the following:
 - Continuing Education specific to oncology pharmacy technicians
 - Leadership Positions for Oncology Pharmacy Technicians
 - Personnel and administration



Examples of Content on OPTA Webinars:

Medicare Low Income Subsidy: Levels of assistance	
Full LIS subsidy	Partial LIS subsidy
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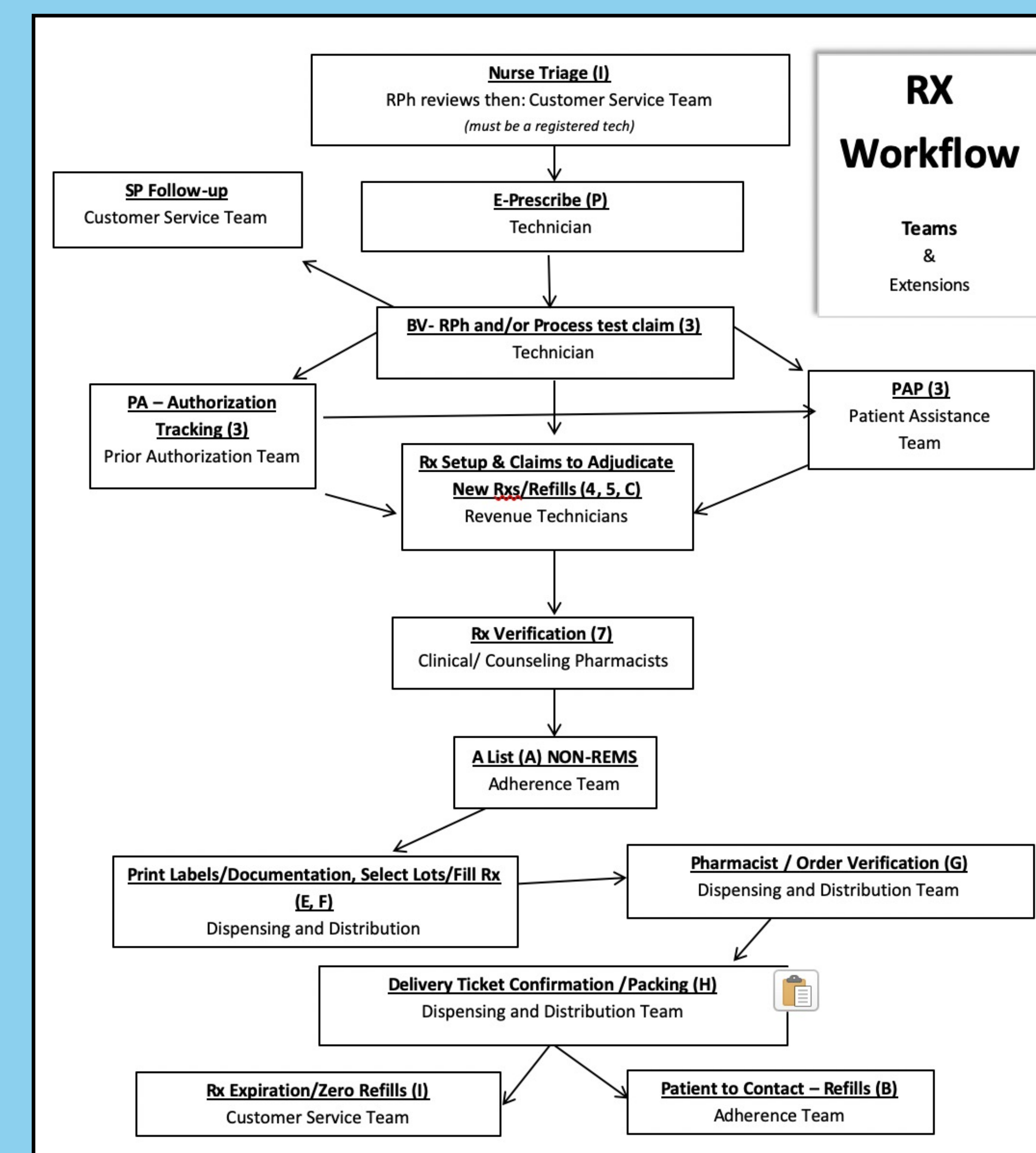
Peer Presentation:
Gina Buzzell, McFarland Clinic, IA

Technician Practice in Focus:
Clearview Cancer Institute

- Other Sites, One Pharmacy
- We have 9 other sites located in the state of AL.
- There are 11 physicians at our main location.
- 10 physicians split between our other 9 locations.
- Our Main location is the only one with a retail pharmacy, all other sites have IV Pharmacies.
- Fill about 200 oral RX's/day



Technician Practice in Focus:
Christine Robinson,
Clearview Cancer Institute, AL



Technician Practice in Focus:
Kara Sammons, Florida Cancer Specialists