NCODA Nursing Committee

**Background**

> Oncology nurses are an integral part of oncology patient care. Traditionally, nurses have been mostly involved with intravenous therapy in the oncology treatment model. However, with the advent of more oral oncolytic options, nurses have now become more involved with the managing of oral oncolytic treatments. In some practice settings, nurses are responsible for the management of their practices Medically Integrated Dispensary.

> The NCODA nursing committee was formed to fill an unmet need for oncology nurses and to provide an additional avenue for the sharing of best practice and expertise of nurses in varying practice settings.

**Objectives**

> Promote the importance of the Medically Integrated Team within the nursing community.

> Provide additional education geared towards nurses.

> Contribute to the improvement of managing patients receiving oral oncolytics through expertise, best practices, and the development of resources.

> Provide a community and support for oncology nurses.

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**Example of Resources**

**Oral Oncology: Welcome Letter**

Welcome to your practice name here. Your doctor has prescribed medication for you to take by mouth to treat your cancer. We will help you to understand the medication and supporting you through your treatment. Please list the need to help you understand the order process. We will contact you within the next 24-72 hours. If course any side effects.

If you have any concerns regarding this process, your personal contact is ___________________________ .

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**Initiatives**

> Customizable Oral Oncolytic Welcome Letter

> First Fill Tracking Form

> After First Fill Tracking Form

> Oral Therapy Patient Follow-up Template

> Monthly Committee Meetings

> Second meeting of each month at 3pm EST

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**Mission**

> The Nursing Committee mission is to inspire nurses caring for individuals with cancer, to share ideas, collaborate interprofessionally, and promote quality standards and best practices.

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**Committee Chairs**

> Elizabeth Bettencourt, MSN, RN, OCN – Palo Alto Medical Foundation/Sutter Health, CA

> Mary Anderson, BSN, RN, OCN – Norton Cancer Institute, KY

> Shawn Costanzo, BSN, RN, OCN – Advent Health Hendersonville Cancer Services, NC

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