Nursing education series led by the Specialty Pharmacy Team

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Results

Interprofessional training programs, and pharmacist led

In May 2023, we transitioned into a new clinical documentation

To implement an ongoing education series for the oncology

Oral chemotherapy pharmacist reassessments and education

With the increasing approvals of oral oncolytics in recent years,

BTK and BCL2 Inhibitors Oral Treatment for CLL

Discussion

Compass Rose Overview Oral Oncology Perspective

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Development of a continuing education series accredited by the

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Examples of Education Series Topics

Future Directions

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Integrated specialty pharmacy. Specialty pharmacists play a vital

role in closing the educational gap among the nursing staff.

Methods

A multidisciplinary team consisting of the nurse

manager, senior clinical specialist, and specialty

pharmacist collaborated on the creation of an

educational series catered to the outpatient

oncology practice nurses

The pharmacy team developed a list of tentative

topics including new oral oncolytics, relevant

specialty pharmacy topics such as prior

authorizations, medication assistance, hazardous

med handling etc. The team also reached out to

pharmacists for their collaboration and ongoing success of this program.

We would like to thank all the oncology practice site nurses and specialty

pharmacists for their collaboration and ongoing success of this program.

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Conclusion

A successful nurse education series was implemented in an integrated specialty pharmacy. Specialty pharmacists play a vital role in closing the educational gap among the nursing staff.

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Some Staff Testimonials

30-year-old with a brain tumor on lomustine and procarbazine with difficulty swallowing. Michele's presentation was excellent. Michele was kind enough to speak to patient and mother on speaker while in our office to help with swallowing issues and the patient was able to get through his treatment. Michele's help was instrumental and gave the practice nurses the resources that could help this lovely patient and his mother during this very difficult time.

Learning about the different drug classes and adverse effects to look for was team great in addition to the lecture on Compass Rose being extremely helpful.

The education series are fantastic and at this point the only education that we get on oral oncology unless we do the research ourselves.

How satisfied are you with the RN/OPS Pharmacist Education Series?

No answer

17.14%

Somewhat dissatisfied

5.71%

Satisfied

31.43%

Very satisfied

42.86%

Rate the quality of the presentations you have attended

No answer

14.29%

Fair

2.86%

Good

31.43%

Excellent

51.43%

How often do you attend the Oral Oncology RN Education Series?

Never attended

14.29%

Occasional presentation

48.57%

Most presentations

25.71%

Every presentation

11.43%

Background

Outpatient Pharmacy Services (OPS) is a specialty pharmacy integrated within the Yale New Haven Health System.

The specialty pharmacy model enables collaboration between payors, providers and patients. Hence, specialty pharmacies are uniquely positioned to deliver patient-centric care.

In addition to dispensing and delivering the medications, specialty pharmacies also offer extensive initial education, 24/7 access to a specialty pharmacist, regular reassessments, medication assistance, and prior authorization assistance for the providers.

Interprofessional training programs, and pharmacist led chemotherapy education programs for nurses have shown to improve patient outcomes and reduce knowledge deficits among nursing personnel.1,2

With the increasing approvals of oral oncolytics in recent years, the nursing leadership identified a knowledge gap among oncology practice nurses. We created the ongoing educational series to close the knowledge gap and increase interdisciplinary collaboration between the two teams.

Objective

To implement an ongoing education series for the oncology practice nurses on oral oncolytics and the specialty pharmacy process.

Examples of Education Series Topics

Hazardous medications handling at home

Oral oncology medications

Compass Rose review

Specialty medication processes

Examples of Education Series Topics

- Oral chemotherapy pharmacist reassessments and education
- Medication assistance programs
- Dispensing and crushing oral chemotherapy
- Compass Rose Overview Oral Oncology Perspective
- CDK 4/6 Inhibitors
- BTK and BCL2 Inhibitors Oral Treatment for CLL
- Tuxinib

Attendance Barriers

48.6% Presentation time

20% Patient Load

Conclusions

Increase attendance at the nursing educational series.

Development of a continuing education series accredited by the ANCC and ACPE

References


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