

Nurse-Led Improvements Earn Quality Oncology Accreditation

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Background

Oral anticancer medications (OAMs) are increasingly used to treat cancer, but patient adherence is often low (46%), leading to negative outcomes like drug resistance, disease progression, and higher costs.¹

Objective

Improve patient OAM assessments and address side effects to enhance adherence.^{1,2,3,4}

Methods

This clinical nurse-led initiative reviewed the literature, identified OAM management barriers, and conducted a gap analysis. Strategies included streamlined consents, shared education with pharmacists, enhanced patient education, and Electronic Health Record updates for adherence tracking. A champions group fostered collaboration and, action plans were implemented in February 2024 for units below the 85% adherence goal.^{1,2,4,5}

Discussion

OAM informed consent rose from 47% to 69%, and assessments increased by 42% and has maintained >85% compliance rate. Ten oncology departments achieved >85% compliance within three months. University of Colorado Hospital earned Quality Oncology Practice Initiative accreditation.⁵

Results / Conclusion

Multidisciplinary collaboration and standardized processes improved OAM consents and assessments, emphasizing the need for ongoing support to ensure optimal patient outcomes.^{2,4,6}

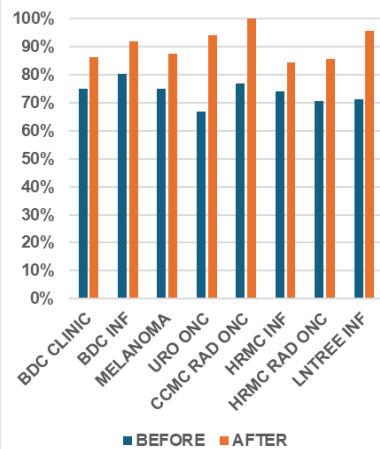
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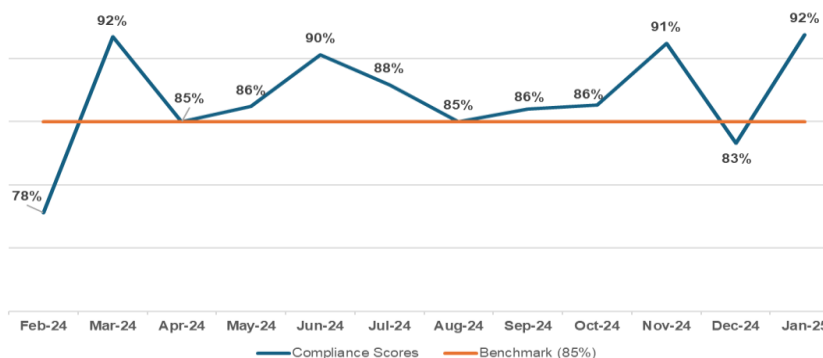
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OAM Adherence Charting Compliance



OAM Informed Consent

