Supporting Survivorship Care Through Comprehensive Cancer Control Technical Assistance
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BACKGROUND

In 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued six priorities for Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) programs, including addressing needs of cancer survivors (Seeff, 2010). CCC programs identified a need for technical assistance (TA), tools and resources in this area. The George Washington University (GW) Cancer Center provides TA on survivorship through a 5-year cooperative agreement from CDC and contracts from five states.

METHODS

Since 2013, the GW Cancer Center has developed three online trainings for health care providers with a focus on survivorship:
- The Cancer Survivorship E-Learning Series for Primary Care Providers (Launched April 2013) (Modules completed: N=8262)
- Executive Training on Navigation and Survivorship (Launched March 2015) (Learners who have completed: N=4380)
- Oncology Patient Navigator Training: The Fundamentals (Launched May 2015) (Learners who have completed: N=9453)

Form 2016-2017, the GW Cancer Center delivered four tailored in-person workshops to health care professionals:
- Surviviorship Care: An Overview for Oncology Professionals (South Dakota, 2016) (N=31)
- Building Connections to Meet the Needs of Post-Treatment Cancer Survivors (Indiana, 2017) (N=45)
- Enhancing Patient Navigation Delivery Across the Cancer Care Continuum (Michigan, 2017) (N=25)

RESULTS

Knowledge enhanced Training content was useful and relevant to practice or professional development Gained new strategies, skills and information that can be applied Planned to implement strategies, skills and information

Cancer Survivorship E-Learning Series 95.1% 89.8% 89.5% 84.1%
Executive Training 95.3% 95.3% 93.6% 89.4%
Oncology Patient Navigator Training 94.2% 95.1% 92.5% 89.7%

Representative feedback from learners:

- “It illustrates how fragmented care affects patients.” (Oncology)
- “Great training and helpful tools/strategies for improving our practice and evaluating current practice, planning future improvements/goals.” (Michigan)
- “Great information...very easy to understand. The examples, case study and videos are very useful to our practice.” (Oncology Patient Navigator Training)
- “This is an incredibly in-depth training, and I found it to be exceptionally helpful as I start a new oncology nurse navigation program.” (Executive Training)
- “I love the training because it is comprehensive and easy to understand. The examples, case study and videos are very useful to our practice.” (Oncology Patient Navigator Training)
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CONCLUSIONS

Based on uptake of TA and learner comments, the GW Cancer Center is meeting a need for CCC programs and their clinical partners. However, stakeholder feedback indicates programs continue to be in need of TA support to meet patient navigation and survivorship care standards. Notably, many primary care providers (PCPs) are not familiar with survivorship care, and uptake among PCPs of trainings aimed at PCPs remains low. Opportunities for further CK to troubleshoot challenges in patient navigation and survivorship care remain.

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