

Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI) –
Update for CPC
10/07/05

QOPI Background

- Oncologist-led, practice-based quality improvement initiative conceptualized by Dr. Joseph Simone
 - Approved by ASCO Board in 2002

- Goal: to promote excellence in cancer care by helping oncology practices create a culture of self-examination and improvement

QOPI Measures and Pilot Methodology

- QOPI measures developed by practicing oncologists
 - Evidence based (e.g., use of antiemetics according to ASCO guidelines)
 - Consensus based (e.g., presence of pathology report, staging)
 - 29 total (~65 data elements)
- QOPI data are collected by practice staff twice each year via retrospective chart review
 - Chart sampling strategy specified (85 charts total each round)
- De-identified data entered via secure Web interface
- Reports comparing practice results to aggregate generated at close of data collection

QOPI Participation

Pilot Phase (as of 09/05)

Practices	23
Physicians	>400
Charts abstracted	>6,300

QOPI Pilot Findings

- Significant variation in many measures among 23 pilot practices, e.g.:
 - Pain assessed on visit before death, range 15%-93%
 - Granulocytic growth factors administered according to ASCO guideline, range 0%-100%

- Other measures showed universal high concordance
 - Adjuvant chemotherapy recommended for breast cancer patients meeting criteria (NICCQ measure), 100%
 - Chemotherapy flow sheet in chart, range 97%-100%

QOPI Expansion

- Fall 2005: QOPI will be opened to all interested ASCO members
- January 2006: QOPI participation will meet performance improvement requirements for ABIM maintenance of certification
- Several enhancements planned to support expansion
 - Online registration
 - Consultant input re: methodology
 - Measure validation
 - Random audits

For more information...

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