SIOG Nursing Task Force 2012

Updates from the Nursing and Allied Health Task Force

Task Force Meeting

- 18 Representatives
- 8 Countries Represented
  - United Kingdom
  - Netherlands
  - Belgium
  - France
  - Canada
  - United States
  - Hong Kong/Singapore
  - Italy

Topics of Discussion

- Sharing Changing Demographics in each country and the role of the nurse
- How we implement geriatric oncology in each institution
- Discussed concerns, issues, priorities
- Discussed impact of nursing task force on patient care

Task Force Priorities

- Educating the Allied Professionals
  - Evaluate Current Educational Curriculums
    - Little Education available for Geriatric Oncology
    - Consider a SIOG developed Geriatric Oncology Curriculum for Nursing and Allied Health
  - Develop a Geriatric Oncology Workbook for Nursing and Allied Health
  - Competency and On-going Review Evaluation

- Nursing Outcomes Measures
  - Need for Outcomes Measures
  - Develop publishable nursing outcomes measures
    - Suggestions Included:
      - Readmission rates
      - Treatment delays
      - Evaluate % of patients completing treatment. Can nursing improve the outcome?
Nursing Goals

- Develop and Implement a Nursing Needs Assessment Survey
  - Evaluate needs of SIOG Allied Health Members
  - Determine which Geriatric Assessment tools are used by nursing and their function
    - Who Performs the assessment
    - How long does it take
    - Integration into EMR

Topics for further Consideration

- How can nursing use technology for patient care?
  - Phone call follow up
  - Telemedicine
  - EMR
- How do comorbidities factor into nursing care of the geriatric oncology patient
- Importance of Interdisciplinary care

The Future

- Nursing Task Force Offers
  - Highly motivated professionals
  - High degree of expertise
  - Motivation to improve the care of the geriatric oncology patient
  - Interest in working in an interdisciplinary team

Future Plans for Nursing and Allied Health Task Force

- Monthly Web Based Meetings to keep in touch and plan for future meetings
- Development of Nursing and Allied Health Sub groups to address topics of concern
  - Education Subgroup
  - Nursing Sensitive Outcomes Subgroup
- Nursing Implications added to all Consensus Guidelines
- Collaboration with EONS and SIOG