

Chapter: New York City Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Topic: Support for pharmacy-led oncology stewardship programs to improve patient safety, clinical outcomes, and reduce costs

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Whereas,

Whereas, patients receiving oncology medications are at high risk for toxicity, adverse drug events, and complex therapy-related complications that require specialized medication management;

Whereas, oncology stewardship provides a framework to systematically optimize cancer medication use, enhance patient safety, and improve quality of care;

Whereas, formalizing stewardship programs has been identified as a priority in oncology care to unify quality, value, and safety efforts across healthcare systems;

Whereas, pharmacists possess specialized training in pharmacotherapy, medication safety, and regimen optimization that uniquely positions them to lead oncology stewardship initiatives;

Whereas, pharmacist-led interventions in oncology settings have been associated with improved clinical outcomes, including reduced adverse events, increased treatment adherence, and enhanced patient quality of life;

Whereas, pharmacist involvement in medication management programs for oncology patients has demonstrated benefits in patient education, monitoring, dose appropriateness, and cost savings;

Whereas, formal, pharmacy-led oncology stewardship programs can standardize evidence-based oncology practice and integrate pharmacists into multidisciplinary decision-making to reduce variation in care and optimize resource utilization;

Whereas, supporting pharmacy leadership in oncology stewardship aligns with NYSCHP's mission to advance safe, effective, and patient-centered pharmaceutical care across health systems;

Resolved That:

[Original Statement – 2024] The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports health-systems throughout New York State developing oncology stewardship programs aimed at improved safety and outcomes while reducing healthcare expenditures

[Updated Statement]

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the development and implementation of pharmacy-led oncology stewardship programs throughout New York State health-systems to improve patient safety, optimize clinical outcomes, and reduce healthcare expenditures and advocates for the allocation of appropriate resources and interdisciplinary support to sustain these programs.

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