

# PATIENT AND CAREGIVER ONCOLOGY QUALITY COUNCIL (POQC)

The Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium (MOQC) is a group formed in 2009, whose goal is to improve the quality of care cancer patients receive across the State. MOQC is supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) and work is coordinated at the University of Michigan. MOQC focuses on all cancer patients, especially those who receive chemotherapy, with or without insurance.

## BACKGROUND

MOQC formed PQQC to increase the role of patients, their families or caregivers in the work of our Consortium. POQC members support our Steering Committee and our practices by guiding the development of new projects and sharing our work with the community and other interested groups. We are very interested in having patients and caregivers who represent minority groups, those who are medically-underserved, and those who are or have faced challenges in accessing the health care system.

## A GOOD PATIENT OR CAREGIVER ADVISOR

- Has personal experience with cancer as a patient or
- Is willing to share insights from their experience or perspective
- Can speak and function as part of a team within a safe group environment
- Works effectively with people of diverse backgrounds
- Has access to a computer and the Internet (Google Chrome as a browser)
- Uses e-mail to receive documents, send messages, and can confirm attendance and receipt of information
- Understands and can manage basic Microsoft programs for minor editing of documents

## WHAT TO EXPECT AS A POQC MEMBER

- Contributing 1- 4 hours a month to remote MOQC-related activities, such as:
  - Reviewing website content or documents and providing feedback
  - Participating in 1-3, 1-hour virtual meetings via Zoom (minimal preparation required)
  - Providing thoughts and feedback to MOQC or practices on specific topics
- Participating in improvement workgroups centered around topics self-identified by POQC
- Communicating with MOQC Coordinating Center if unable to complete or meet any agreement

Members of the Patient and Caregiver Oncology Quality Council are compensated for in-person and virtual meeting time, and travel related expenses for in-person meetings.

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