

## **Patient and Caregiver Oncology Quality Council (POQC), part of Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium (MOQC)**



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.

MOQC improves care by using data gathered as part of the national Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) program, targeting areas of care that need to get better, and working with medical and gynecologic oncologists and their teams to make changes in their practices so that care improves.

### **BACKGROUND**

MOQC formed a Patient Advisory Group to increase the role of patients, their families or caregivers in the work of our Consortium. The Patient Advisory Group supports 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 family member
- 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

### **EXPECTATIONS . . .**

- Commits to a two-year term (one-year term will be considered for selected individuals)
- Contributes 1- 4 hours a month to MOQC-related activities, such as:
  - Reviewing and giving feedback on documents
  - Taking part in 1-3 phone calls (1 hour in length) with minimal work before the calls
  - Being a member of a panel that provides MOQC project managers or practices with thoughts and feedback on a specific topic (e.g. how you feel and planning for your future)
- Attends MOQC's twice-a-year meetings that are held within the state (location is changed each year to make it easier for clinicians and their team members), selected regional meetings and takes part as a speaker or as part of a panel
- Keeps in touch with the MOQC Coordinating Center if unable to complete or meet any agreement

Travel, hotel, and food reimbursement will be provided as a way of thanking you for your time.

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