

There's No Place Like Home

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1. Background

Collaborating with multi-disciplinary teams to create the infrastructure needed to support a new care delivery model where patients diagnosed with cancer are being offered to receive a significant part of their treatment within the home environment. This newly established program, Cancer Care Beyond Walls (CCBW), launched with ten proof of concept patients followed by the development of a research portfolio that is supporting the development of this decentralized approach and delivery of cancer treatment outside the traditional setting of a clinic, chemotherapy unit or hospital.

2. Goals

The CCBW program is a different infrastructure than traditional research coordinating teams. The primary goal of this research team is to support the protocols of all types that facilitate cancer care being delivered in the patient's setting. We will provide data safety and monitoring support as well as study conduct to partner with the multi-disciplinary team establishing new options of care for our patients. We will maintain regulatory compliance to ensure the data collected from the research protocols can be used to create billing and reimbursement codes for the state of Florida.

3. Solutions and Methods

Build a research team to support the needs of the CCBWs program. Collaborate with the multi-disciplinary teams needed to support the workflows needed to deliver care including practice, research, administration, finance, nursing, pharmacy, social work and vendors that provide home health nursing and courier services. To date the research protocols, cover over 30 drug regimens, several disease types, randomized controlled trial design as well as pragmatic trial designs, injections, infusions and intravesical therapy.

4. Outcomes

Implemented and trained the research team that includes a supervisor that works on programmatic development, recruiting and managing the clinical research coordinating team, 2 Clinical Research Coordinators that provide patient care and study coordination, a Senior Program Coordinator that works on protocol development, regulatory and progress reports. We also recruited a remote Clinical Research Coordinator that had ten years of experience to support all screening, decentralized consent and audit readiness for the CCBWs research portfolio.

5. Learned and Future Directions

In process.