Maryland Cancer Collaborative – Survivorship Committee

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Committee Priorities

- Committee Priority:
 - Develop and disseminate materials relevant to survivorship care planning
 - and explore the need for formal training and/or certification to educate policy and decision makers, community leaders, educators, and health care providers about cancer survivorship including psychosocial issues and the role and value of providing long term care and support services to cancer survivors.

Priority Background

- Survivorship planning starts at the point of diagnosis
- Inherent in cancer treatment are negative effects and side effects that impact every facet of a persons life
- A prospective approach to comprehensive, multi-disciplinary management is required
 - Early identification
 - Early management

Progress

- Review existing materials and care plan templates to identify the necessary minimum elements of a survivorship care plan.
- Create a document that identifies
 - Critical elements to be included in a survivorship care plan
 - A timeline for interval assessment throughout the trajectory of treatment
 - Resources available for support

A DRAFT Model for Survivorship Care

Phase 1

Diagnosis and Planning
Assessment of relevant baseline
measures

Phase 2

Active Treatment Plan
Repeat measures and assess for
change

A multidisciplinary approach is optimal

Phase 3

Post Treatment (Surveillance) Plan Provision of Treatment Summary and Surveillance Plan with Emphasis on Follow Up and Wellbeing

- Physical:
 - Diagnostic testing
 - Additional health factors
 - Genetic testing (as indicated)
- Functional (level of independence)
- Psychosocial
 - Distress level
 - Psychological
 - Financial
 - Spiritual
 - Family support
- Nutritional
 - Food
 - Supplements
 - Life style behaviors
- Dental
- Rehabilitation assessment
- Complimentary and alternative medicine

- Physical:
 - Treatment side effects
 - Pain level
 - Fatigue
 - Body image
- Functional
 - Changes in activity level
 - Functional limitations
 - Exercise advice and prescription
- Psychosocial
 - New stressors (i.e., job status, insurance changes, finances, family dynamics)
 - Healthy lifestyle behaviors
- Rehabilitation assessment
 - Assess for presence of physical impairments
 - When impairments are identified initiate rehabilitation intervention

- Treatment plan summary
 - History of illness
 - Summary of treatment given to patient with future action plan for medical surveillance and follow-up
 - Summary of side effects incurred and plan for ongoing monitoring and follow up
- Psychological and Psychosocial follow-up
 - Body image
 - Intimacy issues
 - Emotional preparedness for "new normal,"
 - Rebuilding of financial life
 - Interpersonal relationships
- Suggested Wellness Plan of Care
 - Exercise advice
 - Healthy lifestyle behaviors
- Rehabilitation
 - Continue to monitor for late effects
 - Identify changes in physical function
 - Initiate rehabilitation intervention if impairments are identified

Next Steps

- Complete the prospective model
- Post the document on DHMH and other websites.
- Promote dissemination of the model construct and elements
- Collaborate with the Evaluation Committee to survey provider education needs around critical elements of survivorship care

Questions?

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