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DISTRESS IN CANCER POPULATION: AN INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Patients faced and fighting with a cancer diagnosis are facing multiple distressing factors that could adversely affect compliance with medical care and the outcomes of cancer therapy and even the overall survival. City of Hope has developed a screening tool named Support Screen that identifies biopsychosocial problems related distress and facilitates patient, physician and multi-specialist communication. This presentation will share with the audience the data collected in our institution regarding various distressing factors (emotional, communication, social, physical, spiritual, etc.) to our general cancer population and to various cancer diagnosis groups (GI, Breast, Lung, etc.).

Biography

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