The Well-Being and Cancer at Work (WeCanWork) Project

The Intersection of Oncology Care and Worker Well-Being

Welcome to WeCanWork!

What this Overview PowerPoint includes:

- Situation and Response
- How it Works
- Contact information

A New Referral to Occupational Medicine

Situation: Common for cancer treatment to impact work. Oncology teams don't have a service to refer patients to when faced with employment / work-related concerns.

Response: Create a simple, efficient referral process for oncology practices to send their patients for an occupational medicine consultation.

Objective: Improve working cancer survivors' access to experts who regularly assess patients' ability to receive work accommodations and continue working during periods of illness and disability.

Beneficial to patients by integrating oncology patients and practices with occupational medicine experts in helping patients continue and return to work.

Beneficial to oncology care teams in assisting in care continuum – and reducing administrative burden.

How it Works Step-by-Step for Participating Clinics

Step 1: Oncology Teams ask Patients about Employment

- 1) Are you currently employed?
- 2) What type of work do you do?
- 3) Do you plan to continue working during your cancer treatment?
- 4) Are you interested in meeting with a work specialist who can talk with you about managing the impact of treatment on work or any work-related concerns you have?

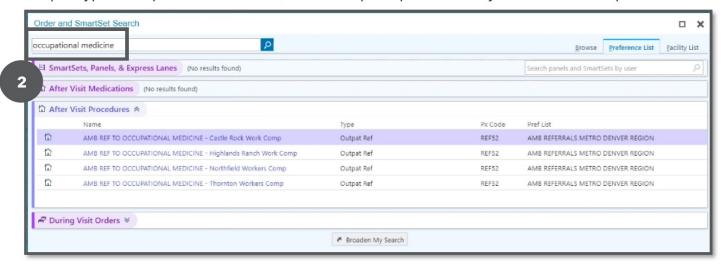
If answers are all YES, move to Step 2.

Step 2: New Referral to occupational medicine is ordered in EPIC

CU ONCOLOGY HOW TO PLACE REFERRAL TO OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Step 1 Open order entry

Step 2 Type Occupational Medicine, which will pull up Ambulatory Referral to Occupational Medicine



Step 3 Click Broaden My Search



Step 3: Patients receive specialized guidance

Patients will receive a call from UC Health Occ Med Clinic to schedule appointment.

The virtual consult may include:

- Discussing work accommodations
- Completing employment forms (including FMLA)
- Guidance for discussing diagnosis and accommodations with employers
- Individualized guidance on how to manage work responsibilities while in treatment

Patients will <u>not</u> be charged for the appointment. Their insurance will not be charged either.

Patients may request up to three total complimentary work specialist appointments.

Step 4: Oncology Care Team Members improve patient care

Care Team Members will be able to access consultation notes through EPIC.

Patients will receive recommendations and sample letters in appointment note.

Patients can access this service at any point in their treatment journey.

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Recruitment Resources for Clinics

- 1. Overview Powerpoint
- 2. WCW Intake Script for Step 1
- 3. We Can Work Tip Sheet for Step 2

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4. Flyer





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