

# Oncology Pharmacy Workforce: Onboarding New Pharmacy Practitioners to Oncology

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## Objectives



- Understand how the Oncology Physician shortage has led to a greater need for other healthcare team members to join the oncology workforce and improve patients access to cancer care.
- 2. Describe the many available resources available to Onboard oncology pharmacists and technicians.
- 3. Describe a cancer institutes experience with onboarding oncology pharmacist with varying experiences, their career ladder and opportunities for growth
- 4. Describe the "The Moffitt Experience" of onboarding pharmacy technicians their career ladder and opportunities for growth and resilience.

#### **Oncology Workforce Projection**



- Overall demand for oncologists and radiation oncologists is expected to grow 40%
- Physician Shortage
  - FTE clinical care oncologist and radiation oncologist supply may grow by only 25% by 2025
  - Market shortage of 2,258 in 2025
  - 2019 survey, in 37 of the 50 metropolitan areas studied, at least 20% of practicing oncologists were > 65 yo

#### **Supply and Demand**



- Changes in the incidence and prevalence of cancers
- Population demographics
- Insurance status and type
  - I.e. Impact of Affordable Care Act
  - Pharmacy Benefit Managers
- Changes in physician retirement rates and productivity
- Rates of physicians entering the specialty
  - # of fellowship positions

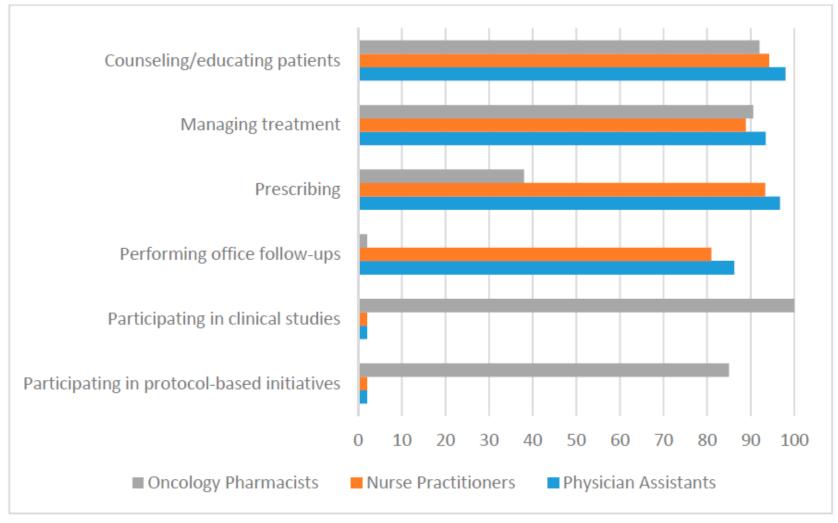
#### **Top Oncology Pressures**





## Addressing the Oncology Provider Shortage





Knapp, K., Ignoffo, R. Oncology Pharmacists Can Reduce the Projected. Pharmacy 2020. http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/pharmacy8010043

#### **Oncology Pharmacy Needs**



- Clinical Practice (generalist vs disease specialist)
  - Amb Oncology
  - Inpatient Oncology
- Administration
- Medication use and patient safety\*
- Health Informatics\*
- Investigational Drug Service and Research
- Academia
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Industry

#### **Pharmacy Training Programs**



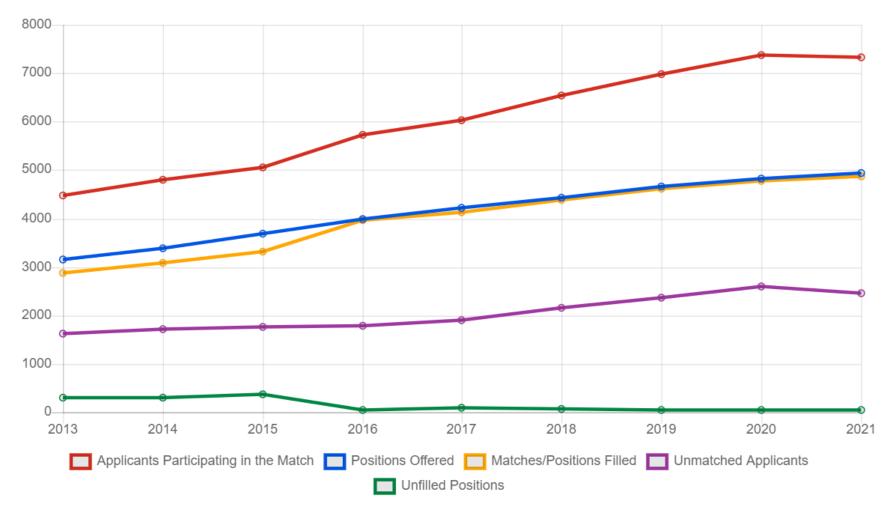
- Residency Programs
  - Oncology Pharmacy PGY-2 (~211 positions in 2021)

PROGRAM TYPE	PROGRAMS			POSITIONS				
	Total	Filled Early	In Match	Total	Filled Early	In Match	Filled	Phase II Unfilled
PGY2-Oncology	115	43	72	211	96	115	114	1

- PGY-1 Hematology Oncology Learning experiences
- Oncology Patient Care Traineeships
- On the job training programs
  - New to oncology experienced pharmacists
  - Recent graduate interested in oncology

#### **2021 Match Statistics**





#### **On-boarding New Pharmacists**



- Becoming a "POP" Pineapple Oncology Pharmacist
- Length of on-boarding based on previous experience
- Electronic Health Record training with informatics pharmacist
- Oncology training checklist
  - Oncology Resources (Internal and External)
  - Cleanroom workflows (DoseEdge®)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> (future) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (current) check workflows
  - Clinical Competencies and workflows
- 1:1 training with pharmacist in all of the roles and positions including code response, IDS, inpatient

#### **On-boarding New Pharmacists**



- On the Job Didactic lectures
  - Oncology Bootcamp
    - Post education assessment and follow-up
  - Bone Marrow Transplant/ Cellular therapy Bootcamp
  - Pediatrics and Peds Inv Drug Service Bootcamp
- Independent Learning
  - NCCN, ASCO, MASCC Guidelines
  - POPP Lecture Series
  - BCOP Preparation Materials (HOPA, ASHP/ACCP)
  - HOPA Core Competency Certificate program
  - ASCO Education Essentials for Advanced Practitioners

# HOPA Core Competency Certificate program



- Module 1: Basic Oncology Pharmacology
- Module 2: Evaluation of Chemotherapy Orders and Initial Patient Assessment
- Module 3: Monitoring and Modifying Cancer Treatment Care Plans
- Module 4: Calculating Appropriate Doses of Anticancer Medications for Hematology/Oncology Patients
- Module 5: Effective Patient Education
- Module 6: Designing and Implementing Supportive Care Plans
- Module 7: Extravasation: When Chemotherapy Misses the Mark
- Module 8: Value Based Frameworks in Oncology
- Module 9: Medication Procurement
- Module 10: Billing and Reimbursement
- Module 11: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs
- Module 12: Investigational Drug Principles

### Pharmacist Career Ladder



CPO

**AVP** 

**Director** 

Manager

Clinical Coordinator/ Supervisor

Clinical Specialist I & II

Clinical Pharmacist I & II



#### **Transition to Dr. Shanel Fisher**

• The Moffitt Experience