



Geriatric Oncology

Cognition and Communication

Complimentary Course Focused On Communication-Based
Concerns and Barriers When Interacting With the
Older Cancer Patient



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

Overview

This **complimentary program** focuses on communication-based concerns and barriers when interacting with the older cancer patient (including caregivers and family members), evaluation of decision making capacity, as well as how to work with an interpreter for patients who suffer both from dementia and experience a language barrier. The program will include high-level discussions surrounding chemotherapy-related cognitive impairment, distress/anxiety and its affects on cognition, delirium, dementia, and depression.

The **Geriatric Communication Skills Training Workshop** on day two is comprised of a specific experiential learning methodology that will immerse participants in practicing newly taught skills in a simulated relevant clinical environment.

POST-TRAINING

Post-training, participants will be given access to an **interactive web portal** for program content resources, a community message board and will be asked to complete follow-up evaluations for research purposes.

In the year following the training, course participants will be expected to attend **6 bi-monthly videoconferences** to learn additional geriatric oncology content, receive coaching on the use of the newly acquired skills, and help with problem-solving around the transfer of these skills to the participants' own healthcare settings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The target audience for this program includes physicians, social workers, nurses, physical therapists, and any other healthcare professionals who work with or have an interest in working with older adult cancer patients. **Registration is complimentary for accepted applicants.**

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview on **dementia, delirium, depression**: its detection and care
- Discuss the role of **distress and anxiety** on quality of life of older cancer patients
- Define **decision-making capacity** and explain its **legal implications**
- Appreciate **decision-making challenges** and learn to assess in older adults with cancer and cognitive syndromes
- Recognize **ageism** and appreciate how it interferes with the medical care of older adults with cancer
- Become familiar with the **Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment** in the evaluation of elderly cancer patients with cognitive decline
- Understand the principles of **shared decision making**
- Observe and practice skills for **successful facilitation shared decision-making** with an older adult with cancer and their caregiver

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Since 2005, MSK's innovative **Communication Skills Training Program and Research Laboratory (Comskil)** has been teaching surgeons, oncologists, nurses, and others at MSK and other institutions how to communicate with people who have cancer and their families in a productive and sensitive manner. As the nation's first formally structured communications initiative at a comprehensive cancer center, the program aims to find the most effective and lasting approaches for guiding clinicians at all career stages in serving people with cancer.

ACCREDITATION

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **14.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ABIM MOC RECOGNITION STATEMENT

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to **14.50 Medical Knowledge and Practice Assessment MOC points and patient safety MOC credit** in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

SOCIAL WORK ACCREDITATION STATEMENT*

This presentation is approved for a maximum of **14.50 Continuing Education Contact Hours of Live Virtual Training**. Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0228.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NEW YORK STATE*

This event offers 14.50 NYS Psychology Contact Hours.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is recognized by the New York State Education Department State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0166

ANCC CNE STATEMENT**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center - Nursing Professional Development/Continuing Education is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Contact hours will be awarded to participants who attend the program in its entirety and complete a program evaluation. Partial credit not awarded.

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Schedule

DAY 1

8:30 AM	Course Check-in
8:45 AM	Welcome and Review of the Day Faith Fasakin, BSc
9:00 AM	Welcome and Introduction Patricia Parker, PhD
9:15 AM	Cancer in the Aging: The Field of Geriatric Oncology Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD
9:45 AM	Identifying and Measuring Depression in Older Cancer Patients Christian Nelson, PhD
10:15 AM	Q&A
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Delirium in the Older Cancer Patient Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD
11:15 AM	Dementia and Cancer Related Cognitive Impairment in Older Adults with Cancer Yesne Alici, MD
12:00 PM	Q&A
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Cognitive Rehabilitation for Older Adults Alexa Kundla, OTR
1:30 PM	Decision Making Capacity: Expert Panel Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD Nessa Coyle, NP, PhD
2:30 PM	Psychopharmacology for Older Cancer Patients Andy Roth, MD
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 PM	Addressing the Language Barrier in Healthcare Javier González, MFA
4:15 PM	Responsible Conduct of Research Training and Wrap-up Patricia Parker, PhD Faith Fasakin, BSc
5:00 PM	Adjourn

Geriatric Communication Skills Training Workshop

DAY 2

8:00 AM Course Check-in

8:15 AM **Welcome and Review of the Day**

Faith Fasakin, BSc

Introductory Lecture to Comskil Conceptual Model and Communication Skills training (CST)

Patricia Parker, PhD

Geriatrics 101

8:45 AM **CST Module**

Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD

9:15 AM **Large Group Discussion/Role Play:
Eliciting Barriers in Working with Older Adults**

Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD

Smita Banerjee, PhD

10:15 AM Break

Cognitive Syndromes

10:30 AM **CST Module**

Yesne Alici, MD

11:00 AM **Experiential Small Group Role Play**

12:30 PM Lunch Break

Shared Decision Making in Cancer Care with the Older Adult and Caregiver (SDM)

1:15 PM **CST Module**

Smita Banerjee, PhD

1:45 PM **Experiential Small Group Role Play**

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM **Group Think Tank: Common Barriers to Communication Strategies Q&A Developing Strategies Relevant to Own Clinic Environment**

Patricia Parker, PhD

Beatriz Korc-Grodzicki, MD, PhD

4:00 PM **Standardized Patient Assessments, Knowledge Assessment, What Happens Next?**

Faith Fasakin, BSc

5:00 PM Adjourn

Registration is Complimentary for Accepted Applicants

Visit the website below to complete the registration application.
You will be notified of your acceptance in the course.

msk.org/aging

This two-day training is held a few times a year for any healthcare professional who works with or has an interest in working with older cancer patients. **Participants will be competitively selected by an application process and registration is complimentary for those accepted.**

Once your application is reviewed and accepted, Faith Fasakin (**FasakinF@mskcc.org**), Clinical Research Coordinator, will reach out with further instructions regarding the workshop.



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