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SURVIVORSHIP EDUCATION FOR QUALITY CANCER CARE

Disseminating Survivorship Education to Cancer Settings

Boise, ID (July 20, 2007) – Interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, social workers, and other health professionals such as psychologists, radiation technologists, chaplains and administrators are involved in the multitude of treatment options for cancer patients during the course of their illness. These professionals, however, are inadequately prepared to meet the follow up needs of cancer survivors.

Linda Penwarden, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Alicia Rosales, Oncology Social Worker, both work at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute and recently attended a comprehensive three-day course for interdisciplinary teams from different cancer settings on survivorship care. The City of Hope (COH) Comprehensive Cancer Center received a 5-year grant from the National Cancer Institute to conduct this course.

Linda and Alicia were competitively selected from cancer settings across the United States as one of more than fifty teams representing a variety of different institutions. The principal goal of the course was to provide interdisciplinary teams with information on survivorship care issues and resources to implement goals aimed at improving survivorship care in their cancer institutions.

The course was conducted by a distinguished faculty of researchers, educators, authors, and leaders in the field of survivorship care. Topic areas targeted the recommendations from the 2006 Institute of Medicine report, "From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor-Lost in Transition." State of the Science lectures addressed quality of life decisions and identified areas of need for survivorship care as well as issues related to insurance coverage, developing survivorship clinics and quality care issues. Additional questions or information about future courses can be directed to deconomou@coh.org.

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