

Presentation Title: Impact of the Institute of Medicine Report on Follow-up Care and Research

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Description:

In November 2005, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a report from a committee study of adult cancer survivors that focused on the time after acute treatment ends and at which time patients must transition to a period of extended survival. The report drew attention to some of the known late effects of cancer survival (physical, emotional, social, and economic), as well as structural problems in the health care system that interfere with coordinated and comprehensive care for adult cancer survivors. It also called for additional research to better understand the consequences of cancer survivorship and to conceptualize this disease within the chronic disease model of care.

An important recommendation from the IOM report was the call for an end-of-treatment summary and survivorship care plan to be given to each patient at the end of primary treatment as well as communicated to the primary care physician. This presentation will update this audience on the progress that has been made in addressing this latter recommendation, especially among oncology clinicians. Additional efforts are underway to make the larger medical community aware of the needs of cancer survivors, with educational sessions at scientific meetings, development of educational curricula that focus attention on survivorship concerns, and the development of new models to address survivorship care in the community. This presentation will update the audience on work accomplished since the issuance of the IOM report.

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