PeaceHealth St Joseph Medical Center Cancer Committee 2015 Review

Cancer Committee is the multidisciplinary body that reviews and furthers the quality of cancer care in our region. 2015 was characterized by continued effort on clinical and programmatic fronts. A sampling of the committee’s work follows (associated slides and reports available upon request):

**Prevention Programs:** Members initiated a middle school outreach program to help students make informed choices regarding smoking and nicotine.

**Screening Programs:** In response to significant rates of melanoma and breast cancer in our region, free screening programs included the Mammogram Party (99 walk-ins served) and a Skin Screening clinic (68 individuals served).

**Accountability and Quality Improvement measurement via the National Cancer Data Base:** We participate in the NCDB by securely uploading comprehensive patient treatment data which the Commission on Cancer analyses. We can then compare our program against national and region-wide benchmarks. We compare favorably in arenas such as patient survival, outmigration, stage at presentation, and evidence based treatment approaches. We also do well in the Rapid Quality Reporting System RQRS and a sample of those measures is here:

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**Monitoring Compliance with Evidence-Based Guidelines and Quality Improvement:** A study of lab work-up ordering patterns for early stage breast and documentation of improvement following educational outreach to managing surgeons is shown in the CoC Quality Project on Tumor Marker Use report.

Quality studies include reviews of Prostate and Stage I lung SBRT [Stage 1 NSCLCA treated with SBRT between 4/2008 and 3/2012 demonstrated an 86% lesion control rate]. See the Prostate Active Surveillance and NCCN report.

**Program Quality Improvement:** A major decrease in the number of infusion drug denials by process review and subsequent change.
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