Overview of CAHPS Cancer Care Survey

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CAHPS for Cancer Care is Unique Among CAHPS Surveys

- 1st time AHRQ co-sponsored a CAHPS survey with a NIH institute (NCI)
- 1st disease-specific CAHPS survey spanning comprehensive treatment and covering multiple care settings
- 1st CAHPS survey to span both inpatient and outpatient settings





Development Included:

- Formative research
- Two data collections
- Statistical analysis of field test data
- Revisions to survey
- Label testing for reporting composites
- Translation into Spanish
- Quality reports for participating sites
- Obtaining the CAHPS trademark
- Dissemination





Three Parallel Surveys

Example item:

- In the last 6 months, how often did your *radiation therapy team* listen carefully to you?
- In the last 6 months, how often did your *cancer surgery team* listen carefully to you?
- In the last 6 months, how often did your *drug therapy team* listen carefully to you?





Final Survey Content

- Core survey has 56 questions in total (includes screeners and about you items)
- Supplemental item set includes 16 questions in total (includes screeners)





Core Survey

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- 23 survey items measuring 6 domains of patient experience
- 2 single item measures and 2 global ratings
- The full Clinician & Group survey is replicated in the CAHPS Cancer Care survey
- Users of the Cancer Care Survey can compare the scores for those measures to the benchmarks available in the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey Database





Six Core Domains

- Getting timely appointments, care, and information
- How well the cancer care team communicates with patients
- Cancer care team's use of information to coordinate patient care
- Helpful, courteous, and respectful office staff
- Cancer care team supports patients in managing the effects of their cancer and treatment
- Cancer care team is available to provide information when needed





Single Items in Core Survey

- Involvement of family and friends
- Availability of interpreters
- Patients' rating of the cancer care team
- Patients' rating of overall cancer care





Supplemental Item Set

- Thirteen items reflecting three domains
 - Access to Care (2 items)
 - Getting information from providers (4 items)
 - Shared decision making (7 items)





To Ask a Question





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