



## Session Learning Objectives

### **The Experience of Early Phase Clinical Trials**

- Explain the purpose, design, and therapeutic focus of early-phase clinical trials, including recent advances in efficacy and safety.
- Assess the challenges experienced by people with cancer participating in early-phase trials, particularly those with advanced disease and limited standard-of-care options.
- Integrate principles of early palliative and supportive care into nursing practice to optimize quality of life, facilitate access to novel therapies, and enhance the overall clinical trial experience for people with cancer.

### **Screening for More than Cancer:**

#### **Social Determinants of Health Assessments in the Infusion Suite Using the NCCN Distress Thermometer**

- Define health equity and its relationship to social determinants of health (SDOH) in oncology.
- Identify key factors within SDOH that can impact cancer treatment outcomes and patient well-being.
- Explain the benefits and applications of the NCCN Distress Thermometer for addressing both distress and SDOH in the infusion suite.

### **Gastric and Esophageal Cancers: Clinical Updates and Nursing Implications**

- Identify emerging therapies for patients with either esophageal or gastric cancer.
- Identify nursing interventions in the care of patients receiving newer immunotherapies and targeted therapies.
- Understand the impact the nursing role will have on quality of life and patient outcomes in this setting.

### **Radiating Care: The Nurse's Role in Guiding Patients Through Radiation for Head and Neck Cancers**

- Discuss the radiation treatment modalities used in head and neck cancers.
- Review the most common side effects associated with radiation therapy in head and neck cancers.
- Apply nursing interventions to best support patients receiving radiation therapy for head and neck cancers.

### **The Role of Accurate Antineoplastic Drug Administration in Optimizing Patient-Centered Cancer Care**

- Understand the critical importance of accurate drug administration in the oncology setting and become familiarized with the most up-to-date best practices.
- Identify different routes and techniques of administration of antineoplastic drugs as newer therapies are becoming available.
- Recognize the obstacles that oncology nurses face when trying to administer full doses of small drug volumes and learn ways to work with the interprofessional team to improve the drug delivery process that enhances patient and nurse safety, improves patient wait times, and prevents suboptimal dosing.

### **An Oncology-Specific Outpatient Perioperative Department:**

#### **What an Extended Recovery Unit Can Offer Post Surgery**

- Describe the Extended Recovery Unit (ERU) model.
- Identify specialized training required for oncology nurses working in ERUs.
- Discuss the impact of ERUs on patient outcomes, hospital bed shortages and post-operative workflows.

### **Difficult Discussions in Oncology Nursing: Tools, Techniques and Compassion**

- Identify barriers to therapeutic communication.
- Recognize and respond to a wide range of emotions fostered by the patient and their caregivers.
- Incorporate communication models and strategies to navigate challenging interactions.