

## **Association of Community Cancer Centers**

### **Statement on Commitment to Clinician Well-Being and Resilience**

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) represents more than 24,000 multidisciplinary practitioners and 2,100 cancer programs and practices nationwide. ACCC brings together healthcare professionals across all disciplines in oncology to promote quality cancer care. Our members include medical oncologists, hematologists, oncology nurses, nurse navigators, oncology social workers, psychologists, pharmacists, financial navigators, cancer registrars, and allied professionals who care for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. ACCC recognizes that it takes a team to deliver quality cancer care.

ACCC is committed to supporting the well-being and resilience of the multidisciplinary team that delivers quality cancer care by fostering communication and connection across traditional healthcare siloes. ACCC understands that burnout can impact any of the team members involved in providing patient-centered care throughout the cancer continuum from screening and diagnosis, through treatment, follow-up and survivorship care planning, palliative care, hospice, and bereavement. Our membership continues to bring forward practical steps to support cancer program staff and approaches to mitigate burnout by authoring solution-oriented articles in the association's journal, *Oncology Issues*; presenting effective practices at our national meetings; and participating in peer-to-peer discussions.

For 2018-2019 the ACCC President's theme centers on the critical need to recognize and address clinician and cancer care team member burnout. In the next decade, the oncology community must grapple with projected workforce shortages and projected increases in patient volumes. At the same time, as advances in understanding of cancer continue to grow exponentially, the treatment of many cancers has become increasingly complex and costly. In the face of these challenges, clinicians and staff on the frontlines of care are working every day to deliver quality care where patients want to be treated—close to home and family.

The 2018-2019 ACCC President's theme initiative will focus on creating a healthcare culture that empowers wellness and a healing environment for providers and the patients they serve. Throughout the year, this initiative titled, *Reflect, Renew, Reignite: Creating a Resilient Oncology Team in Your Community*, will invite ACCC members to share their stories and strategies for fostering resilience and a healthcare culture that mitigates burnout among all members of the cancer care team.

In June 2018 the annual ACCC Institute for the Future of Oncology forum will bring together thought leaders across disciplines and roles in cancer programs and practices to identify not only the frustrations that fuel burnout, but potential solutions that encourage resiliency and well-being—setting the foundation for successful delivery of compassionate, patient-centered care.

## **About the Association of Community Cancer Centers**

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) is the leading advocacy and education organization for the multidisciplinary cancer care team. More than 24,000 cancer care professionals from over 2,100 hospitals and practices nationwide are affiliated with ACCC. Providing a national forum for addressing issues that affect community cancer programs, ACCC is recognized as the premier provider of resources for the entire oncology care team. Our members include medical and radiation oncologists, surgeons, cancer program administrators and medical directors, senior hospital executives, practice managers, pharmacists, oncology nurses, radiation therapists, social workers, and cancer program data managers. For more information, visit ACCC's website at [acc-cancer.org](http://acc-cancer.org). Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and read our blog, ACCCBuzz.

## **About the ACCC Institute for the Future of Oncology**

The ACCC **Institute for the Future of Oncology** brings together key leaders in the oncology community to tackle the significant issues they are facing today and in the future. The Institute was launched in 2013 because ACCC recognized a gap in knowledge and a need for meaningful discussion on issues unique to the multidisciplinary community oncology team. The Institute serves as a clearinghouse of information and knowledge, addressing these issues and offering solutions that can be utilized across the community oncology continuum.