

SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE



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Member
- *Marlyn Harrison*
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SCOREboard Member
- *Valerie Targia*
Patient Advocate Board:
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CORE MISSION

- Provide expertise and guidance in field of supportive care, behavioral, and non-pharmacological interventions
- Support investigators in design and conduct of studies that evaluate interventions in behavioral, psychological, and supportive care domains to improve outcomes of older adults with cancer

CORE FUNCTION

- Serve as contact point for researchers and support them by providing direct input through consultation services or connecting them to outside expertise when not available in Core
- Link researchers to existing resources and provide young investigators with adequate support within and outside institutions
- Provide investigators with expertise in recruitment strategies
- Mentoring investigators and linking them with other core members if needed
- Provide recommendations and guidance in various areas (study design, eligibility criteria, intervention development and adaptation, intervention quality and fidelity, outcomes, assessment tools)



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *R21 phase/R33 Year 1 accomplishments/deliverables*
 - *inquiries: 2*
 - *Added 2 new members*
 - *Change of junior faculty lead*



WHAT'S WORKING/WHAT'S NOT?

- *Core Specific*
 - *Mini-retreat to get to know one another*
 - *Evaluate our strengths*
 - *Evaluate our own research agenda*



FUTURE DIRECTION

- *Continue to evaluate our role*
 - *Collaboration: Coordinate with other groups nationally and internationally*
 - *Sustainability (“master plan”)*
 - *Inclusion – gerontology, multiple disciplines, clinicians and non-clinicians*
- *Establish common core goals*
 - *Research*
 - *Communication*
 - *Community*
 - *Writing*
 - *Patient focused care*
 - *Decrease barriers of care*
 - *Post-treatment cancer care*
 - *Financial toxicity*



SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE: GOALS

■ **Communication Goals:**

- expand and refine the definition of supportive care
- include this definition on the website
- add our core expertise on the website
- define and add a hyperlink to define patient advocate
- develop communication cards
- create the ability to preference a core member on the inquiry form

■ **Collaboration Goals:**

- invite liaisons from other cores to join our meetings and responses to inquiries
- submit a supportive care project to be reviewed by all cores
- create joint CARG call of AGS, GSA, and CARG in the spring

■ **Research Goals:**

- present our own research, preliminary data, and programmatic initiatives to our group
- white paper/brief communication update to 2019 white paper
- listing of examples of supportive care studies on website and in brief communication



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SUPPORTIVE CARE CORE: GOALS

- **Sustainability Goals:**

- determine if, how, and when to rotate off. We are just starting to gel as a group so will stay put for the next year.
- establish a repository for core minutes and slides
- advertise via AGS, GSA, CPAC, MSACC among others
- cite the CARG grant and the core structure in published papers

- **Diversity and Inclusion Goals:**

- invite patient advocates to our core sessions
- consider socioeconomic status diversity in addition to racial/ethnic/gender diversity

