



2025 Special ECHO Case Series: Substance Use Disorders in Patients with Cancer and Opioids for Pain Management

2025 Opioids & Cancer ECHO: Starting Difficult Conversations - 8/28/2025

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Topic: Didactic and case discussion series on a cancer, opioid, pain management, and substance use topic with discussion guided by specialist providers. Our ECHO is a virtual network of serious illness care specialists and interdisciplinary team members seeking to improve patient care throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond. Our collaborators in addiction medicine and pharmacy provide insights in the management of high-risk patients.

Purpose or Objectives: At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- 1 Describe the challenges and the importance of addressing non-medical opioid use in patients
- 1 2. Apply principles of trauma informed care, non-stigmatizing language, and motivational interviewing techniques in clinical care
- 3 Employ harm reduction strategies with appropriate patients
- 4 Explore appropriate communication strategies in addressing non-medical opioid use in cancer patients

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