

Onco.com Highlights the Importance of Online Second Opinion at ASCO Quality Care Symposium 2018

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Onco.com is proud to have presented one of its studies at the annual ASCO Quality Care Symposium held in Phoenix, U.S. Sept. 2018.

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) organizes an annual conference dedicated to improving cancer care. The stakeholders involved in cancer care including doctors, nurses, administrators, and social groups from across the world participate and discuss practical issues of quality and safety in cancer care. This year the ASCO Quality Care Symposium was organized on 28th & 29th September in Phoenix city of Arizona, USA. The focus topics of the conference were patient-centred care, innovations in care delivery, and addressing disparities in cancer care.



Onco.com presented a study around the impact created in the quality of cancer care through its online second opinion service. Co-founder of Onco.com and a seasoned oncologist, Dr. Amit Jotwani, presented the findings of the study at the event. The study comprised data from 335 patients who received online second opinion during the first half of last year from a multidisciplinary panel of senior oncologists from India and USA. Post the online consultation, the team analysed the impact of its second opinion on various parameters related to patients' cancer treatment journey.

Upon the analysis, we found that more than 80% of patients who availed second opinion through our platform experienced improvements in their treatment, in the form of a complete change in treatment plan (15%), change to a better chemotherapy drug regimen (27%), or additional biomolecular/imaging (41%).

The table below summarise our study findings:

Results	Number	Percentage
Complete change in treatment plan	49 cases	14.6%
Additional bio-molecular/imaging tests advised	157 cases	41.4%
Change in Chemotherapy drug regimen	97 cases	27%
No change in treatment plan	62 cases	17%

Cancer is a complex disease and patients need access to a multi-disciplinary team of specialists that works collaboratively to recommend the most relevant treatment plan.

Onco.com addresses this gap in the emerging countries by providing an online multi-disciplinary opinion service to patients. This is particularly helpful since patients in these countries have limited access to trained oncologists and comprehensive cancer care hospitals. The positive results from this study reiterate the impact that a scientific approach creates in the patient's treatment journey.

The study results were appreciated by the delegates, including doctors and social groups. "These findings are very encouraging and reiterate our belief that technology enabled solutions in healthcare can create a very meaningful impact in patient's lives. Getting recognized at a prestigious platform like ASCO is definitely a step forward and makes us even more committed to serve our patients better and give them their best fighting chance", says Dr. Amit.

The symposium also saw several other studies on the use of technology-enabled initiatives to improve care and outcome for cancer patients. Several prestigious hospitals in the US also published their findings on tele-oncology and reflected how they could help patients in the US get better treatment guidance. One of the studies presented at the conference concluded that more than 50% of patients were not satisfied with their conversations with their doctors due to lack of time or hesitation in raising their concerns. Another study demonstrated that up to 30% of patients had safety issues during their treatment. A third study emphasized the need to practice multidisciplinary care in cancer so that patients receive most optimum treatment options.

"So far, we have been very fortunate to help thousands of cancer patients from more than 15 countries and we intend to create even more impact in the coming years. Onwards and upwards from here", says Rashie Jain, CEO.

About.com:

Onco.com is an online platform that provides access to the most advanced cancer care as per the latest international guidelines. Through its network of oncologists in India and US, the company provides unbiased and optimum treatment opinions to patients. The company's latest offering "Onco Connect" finds the right cancer specialists near patients. Onco.com provides free preliminary assessment to all cancer patients who register on its website.

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