

Practice Guidelines in Oncology

MVP Health Care, as part of its continuing Quality Improvement Program has adopted the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's (NCCN) Practice Guidelines in Oncology™. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network is a not-for-profit alliance of twenty-one of the world's leading cancer centers who work together to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of cancer care. Recent updates to NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology™ include:

- Bone Cancer Version 2.2010
- Central Nervous System Cancers Version 3.2009
- Colon Cancer Version 2.2010
- Hodgkin Lymphoma Version 1.2010
- Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma Version 1.2010
- Multiple Myeloma Version 3.2010
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas Version 1.2010
- Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Version 2.2010
- Ovarian Cancer Version 1.2010
- Prostate Cancer Version 1.2010
- Rectal Cancer Version 2.2010
- Thymic Malignancies Version 1.2010
- Thyroid Carcinoma Version 1.2010
- Anti-emesis Version 1.2010
- Cancer-Related Fatigue Version 1.2010
- Palliative Care Version 1.2010

Providers may access a copy of the guidelines on line. On the NCCN home page, follow the "Clinical Recommendations" link and complete the registration process. To request a copy of any of the NCCN oncology practice guidelines via the Internet go to: www.nccn.org.

In conjunction with these guidelines, MVP Health Care offers an Oncology Condition Case Management program for our members. If you would like to refer one of your patients to this program, please call the Health Care Operations Department at 1-866-942-7966.

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*This guideline is not intended to replace the role of clinical judgment by the physician in the management of this, or any other disease entity. It is an educational guideline to assist in the delivery of good medical care. **All treatment decisions are ultimately up to the physician.*** Where medication recommendations are made, please refer to each health plan's formulary for coverage considerations.

MVP Health Care updates its clinical guidelines at least every two years. The review process is also initiated when new scientific evidence or national standards are published. Practitioners are alerted via the web site and by written notices from the plan via fax or newsletter. A hard copy of the clinical guideline can be requested by calling the MVP Quality Improvement Department at 1 (800) 777-4793 extension 2602.