# Why should you CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING A QUALITY INITIATIVE

for patients with MPNs?

### **Quality initiatives can help oncology practices**

- Continually improve care for patients<sup>1,2</sup>
- Maintain accreditation from organizations such as ACHC, ASCO, URAC®, and The Joint Commission

## Multidisciplinary engagement is key to successful implementation of a quality initiative.

Enlist the involvement of physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, pharmacists, residents and fellows in your practice.



## **STEPS IN THE QUALITY INITIATIVE PROCESS**



- ☐ Utilize data to understand patient populations that could benefit from a quality initiative (eg, EHRs)
- Identify and partner with physician, advanced practice provider, nurse, and pharmacist champions



#### Implement

- Develop and follow processes
- ☐ Check in with teammates to maintain momentum for the initiative



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#### **Track**

- ☐ Document the steps taken and the progress made for each patient
- ☐ Capture results, share success stories, and identify opportunities for improvement
- Schedule regular check-ins or touchpoints to share learnings and sustain momentum on an ongoing basis

Identify, empower, and secure support from inter-departmental champions who care for patients directly or help navigate their care.

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ACHC, Accreditation Commission for Health Care; ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; EHR, electronic health record; MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasm; URAC, Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (prior to 1996).

# How can you MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH QUALITY INITIATIVES

for patients with MPNs?

## Your patients with MPNs may benefit from disease-specific quality initiatives.

Both the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) and European LeukemiaNet recommend ongoing clinical assessments to help inform decision-making for patients with MPNs.<sup>1,2</sup>

This assessment, in turn, can provide the foundation for specific quality initiatives that can help improve both delivery of care and operational efficiencies.

### POTENTIAL MPN QUALITY INITIATIVES

# Assure blood counts are managed within target ranges

Routinely assess and manage:

- Elevated Hct ≥45% and elevated WBC counts >11 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L in patients with PV
- Anemia and thrombocytopenia in patients with MF



## Assess and manage disease-related symptoms

Implement formal symptom assessment protocols, and monitor all patients with MPNs for burdensome disease-related symptoms, such as fatigue, excessive day or night sweats, and/or itchy skin



## Monitor and manage the spleen

Assure spleen size is documented at diagnosis for all patients with MPNs, and monitor for new or increasing splenomegaly

## Optimize dosing to achieve therapeutic quals

Implement protocols to record each response to dose adjustments (lab values, symptoms, phlebotomy frequency, and adverse events) for all patients with MPNs





A review of EHRs is an effective way to identify opportunities to implement these strategies in your practice.

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EHR, electronic health record; Hct, hematocrit; MF, myelofibrosis; MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasm; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; PV, polycythemia vera; WBC, white blood cell.



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