

Patterns of Care in Medical Oncology

Editor's Note: Chalk talk

In the past year...

<i>How many different people with breast cancer have you treated for...</i>	Median
Metastatic disease	50
Adjuvant therapy	75
Neoadjuvant therapy	12
<i>How many people with breast cancer in your practice died from the disease?</i>	12
<i>How many of these people were mothers of minor children?</i>	2

In the past month...

	Median
<i>How many times did you tell a patient with any type of cancer that his/her disease was progressing or recurring?</i>	13
<i>How many of these were people with breast cancer?</i>	4

Which of the following best describes how well you cope with the stresses of medical oncology?

Coping well, feeling well	25%
Feeling the challenges of the field; stressful but not that bad	68%
Having a pretty difficult time	6%
Having a very difficult time	1%

*Of your family and close friends, whom do you see daily or very frequently?
(May have more than 1 response)*

Significant other	88%
Minor children at home	60%
Close friends	28%
Parent(s)	17%
Other children	14%

What was the longest vacation/time away from your practice you took in the past year?

Median	11 days
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Do you engage in any hobbies/sports?

Yes, at least a few times a week	48%
Yes, a few times a month	28%
No	24%