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Professional Practice Award Presented to Innovative Oral Chemotherapy Management Program at Henry Ford

Lansing, Mich. –The Henry Ford Oral Chemotherapy Management Program team received the 2017 Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Professional Practice Award at this year’s MSHP Annual Meeting on Oct. 27.

The MSHP Professional Practice Award recognizes and honors a pharmacist or organization for involvement and participation in an innovative project (e.g., published research, projects or services implemented) that contributes to professional practice. The Henry Ford Oral Chemotherapy Management Program (OCMP) is a multicenter program established throughout the Henry Ford Health System to assist cancer patients taking oral chemotherapy drugs. This multidisciplinary program ensures that patients understand the complex oral chemotherapy dosing regimens, while monitoring adherence and providing management of chemotherapy-related side effects. Members of the team meet with patients at the start of their oral chemotherapy treatment to provide oral chemotherapy education, review safe handling measures, complete medication reconciliation and coordinate financial assistance for treatment costs. The team is also available for patients to call directly to address any immediate concerns with cancer treatment.

Most recently, the OCMP team found that patients enrolled in the program were less likely to present to an emergency department or become hospitalized as a result of their chemotherapy treatment. Patients in the program demonstrated a significant reduction in the frequency and severity of treatment-related side effects and improvement in adherence rates. All in all, patients utilizing the OCMP had more favorable outcomes compared to patients seeking treatment before the development of the program. A full review of the research and outcomes of the program are currently being developed for publication.

The OCMP is part of the Henry Ford Cancer Institute within the Henry Ford Health System. The Henry Ford Cancer Institute is comprised of over 900 doctors, pharmacists, nurses, researchers and other healthcare professionals, spread between five hospital locations and six outpatient cancer centers as well as numerous doctor’s offices throughout southeastern Michigan. The Commission on Cancer granted the Henry Ford Cancer Institute the 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award and is a Blue Cross Center of Distinction for the Treatment of Rare and Complex Cancers.

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