



A Cancer Program's approach to addressing Food Insecurities, Transportation, and Lodging among cancer patients in a Financially Distressed Area

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Background and Significance

Antelope Valley Medical Center (AVMC) is a 420 bed - District Community Acute Care Facility. AVMC is a disproportionate facility with Inpatient stays with Medi-Cal and Medicare coverage. Supportive care barriers were identified utilizing the Oncology Navigator Assessment.

Purpose

To address the needs and assist patients receiving treatment who meet criteria of financial necessity, distance barriers and limited access to proper nutrition. Stress related to financial, travel and food insecurities have proven to lead to poorer quality of life.

Interventions

Garnered grant funding and community engagement to support the identified barriers.

Created applications:

Transportation

Lodging

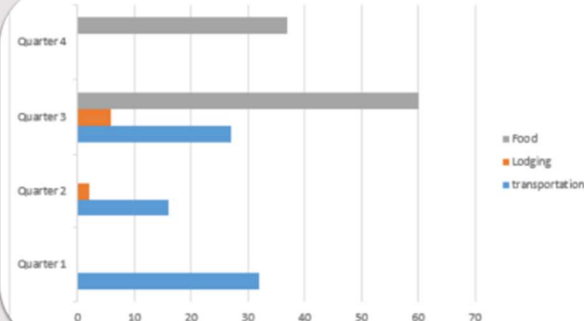
Food Insecurity

Dispersed funding and food utilizing the applications, assisting those with greatest need.



Evaluation and Discussion

The aim was to decrease worries of patients and families so that they could focus on treatment while alleviating feelings of fear, confusion and being overwhelmed.



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