In response to persistent care gaps, Cancer Support Community developed:

1. **Cancer Support Source™**, a community-based distress screening, referral, and support program for adults diagnosed with cancer;

2. **Cancer Support Source™-Caregiver**, the first and only cancer caregiver distress screening, referral, and support program for care partners and family caregivers.

The goal of the CSS programs is to **rapidly identify and respond to unmet need**, thereby better enabling patients and caregivers to navigate care and treatment, practice self-care, and enhance well-being.

**Building a Screening Measure**
Developing, Refining, and Validating*

Psychosocial distress screening for patients is mandated for cancer centers to achieve continuing accreditation by the ACoS Commission on Cancer; CoC institutions provide care to 70% of all new cancer diagnoses in the U.S.

Patient distress screening is also required to fulfill American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) standards, Enhancing Oncology Model (EOM) quality measures, and National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) distress screening guidelines.

*The Cancer Support Source™ distress screening measures (patient and caregiver) each underwent extensive, iterative testing and refinement by Cancer Support Community's research team, leveraging the perspectives of patients, caregivers, and providers. Psychometrically tested against other validated measures (PROMIS-29, PHQ - 4, Caregiver Reaction Assessment, Zarit Burden Interview).

Preliminary versions of the patient measure were also tested against FACT-G, CES-D, and NCCN Distress Thermometer.