

Proprietary Assessment

ONCOLOGY (Adult Patient & Caregiver)

Cancer Support Source™ (CSS-15+)

Cancer Support Source™ Caregiver (CSS-CG)

Researched-Backed and Validated
Developed by researchers at the Cancer Support Community
and licensed by Patient Planning Services.



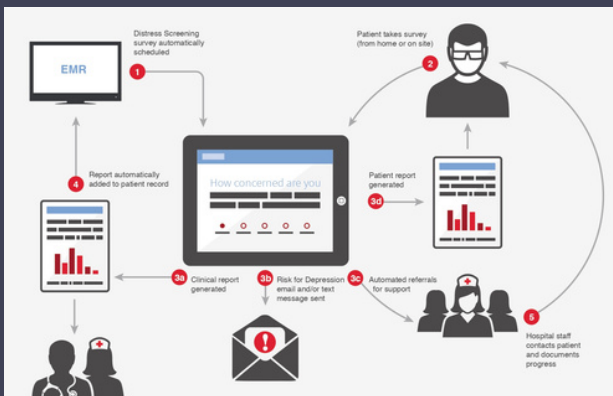
"Cancer Support Source™ has become an integral part of our consult when our patients establish care here. It allows us, from the start, to access the whole person and address all their concerns, not just medical ones."

-Amanda Lipschik, LCSW, OSW-C, Holy Name Medical Center -

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.



CSS & CSS-CG are approved tools to fulfill standards to support industry best practice

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.

Scientific Publications - Cancer Support Source™ (CSS 15+) & Cancer Support Source™ Caregiver (CSS -CG)

1. CSS-15+: Final Measure

Zaleta, A. K., McManus, S., Fortune, E. E., DeRosa, B. W., Buzaglo, J. S., Olson, J. S., Goldberger, S., Miller, M. F. (2021). CancerSupportSource®-15+: Development and evaluation of a short form of a distress screening program for cancer patients and survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. Advance online publication, doi: 10.1007/s00520-021-05988-2

2. CSS-25: Final Measure

Buzaglo, J. S., Zaleta, A. K., McManus, S., Golant, M., & Miller, M. F. (2020). CancerSupportSource®: Validation of a revised multidimensional distress screening program for cancer patients and survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 28(1), 55-64, doi: 10.1007/s00520-019-04753

3. CSS-25: Preliminary Development

Miller M. F., Mullins, C. D., Onukwughu, E., Golant, M., Buzaglo, J. S. (2014). Discriminatory power of a 25-item distress screening tool: A cross-sectional survey of 251 cancer survivors. *Quality of Life Research*, 23(10), 2855-2863, doi: 10.1007/s11136-014-0742-4.

4. CSS-Caregiver: Final Measure

Zaleta, A. K., Miller, M.F., Fortune, E.F., Roger, K.P., Hendershot, K., & Ash-Lee, S. (*In preparation*). Development of a distress screening measure for family and informal cancer caregivers.*

5. CSS-Caregiver: Implementation Pilot

Shaffer, K. M., Benvengo, S., Zaleta, A. K., Levine, M., Bellantoni, C., Dannaoui A., Buzaglo, J. S., & Applebaum, A. J. (2019). Feasibility and acceptability of distress screening for family caregivers at a cancer surgery center. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 46(2), 159-169, doi: 10.1188/19.ONF.159-169

6. CSS-Caregiver: Preliminary Development

Longacre, M. L., Applebaum, A. J., Buzaglo, J. S., Miller, M. F., Golant, M., Rowland, J. H., Given, B., Dockham, B., & Northouse, L. (2018). Reducing information caregiver burden in cancer: Evidence-based programs in practice. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*, 8(2), 145-155, doi: 10.1093/tbm/ibx028