








## PROTECT Patient Access to Life-Saving CAR T Cell Therapy

### WHY IS ACCESS TO CAR T CELL THERAPY IMPORTANT?


Chimeric antigen receptor T cell (CAR T cell) therapy can be a life-saving treatment for people with blood cancer, but only 2 in 10 people eligible get the therapy. Although most cancer patients receive treatment at community-based treatment centers, CAR T cell therapy is mostly offered at academic hospitals in urban centers. Traveling to academic treatment centers requires significant time, cost, and energy that prevents patients from getting this life-saving care, especially for those living in **rural communities**.

Recent findings from a focus group Cancer Support Community conducted with CAR T cell therapy patients and caregivers showed that those who had to travel to academic centers away from their local community center faced more difficulty accessing care and incurred greater burden, including:

-  **Delays in care**
-  **Patient worry**
-  **Caregiver burden**
-  **Financial hardship**
-  **Lack of social support**
-  **Administrative burden**



## BARRIERS to CAR T cell therapy



## HOW can we make it easier for patients to get CAR T cell therapy?



**REDUCE BARRIERS TO AND  
BUILD CAPACITY FOR CAR T  
CELL THERAPY ACCESS IN  
COMMUNITY CENTERS**



**SUPPORT ACCESS TO  
NAVIGATION AND  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO  
EASE CAREGIVER BURDEN**

**REDUCE PAYER  
RESTRICTIONS ON WHERE  
PATIENTS CAN GET CAR T  
CELL THERAPY**



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