

## Advocacy and Leadership: Quality Improvement Projects and Performance Measures

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Adult and pediatric oncology social workers have an ethical mandate to offer support to the vulnerable populations they serve (1-3). Patients and their families rely upon oncology social workers to be their voice for psychosocial-spiritual concerns and to be a systems advocate on their behalf (4). Quality psychosocial practice requires professionals with a personal commitment to provide evidence-based quality care, yet few oncology social workers have been trained to negotiate the complex political climate so as to maximize their leadership role as advocates for institutional change. Therefore, an essential element of this proposal is to enhance the clinical and leadership skills of these key psycho-oncology professionals.

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