

Assessing Patient Reported Outcomes in Radiation Oncology



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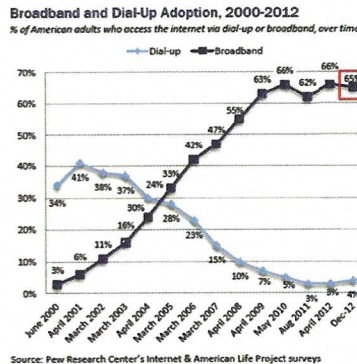


BACKGROUND

- The success of radiation therapy is judged by the balance achieved between tumor control and avoidance of side effects
- The field is moving rapidly toward assessing side effects and quality of life directly from patients via “patient-reported outcomes” (PROs)
- Technology can be used to automate the administration of surveys at specific time intervals without the need for in-person visits
- Electronic administration of QOL surveys has been associated with a **40% improvement in data collection rates** for radiation oncology patients¹ (increase from 52% to 90% of surveys completed at 6 month time point, and from 36% to 82% at 1 year time point)

¹Movsas B, et al: Electronic Web-Based Technology Significantly Improves Quality of Life (QOL) Data Collection: Analysis of RTOG 0828. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys* 81(2S): S111, October 2011.

- Cancer patients are increasingly likely to be active online and to have broadband access at home



Demographics of Internet Users

% of American adults within each group who use the internet

All adults ages 18+	81%
a Men (n=1,054)	80
b Women (n=1,207)	82
Race/ethnicity	
a White, Non-Hispanic (n=1,632)	84 ^b
b Black, Non-Hispanic (n=249)	73
c Hispanic (n=211)	74
Age	
a 18-29 (n=335)	94 ^{abc}
b 30-49 (n=565)	89 ^{ab}
c 50-64 (n=689)	77
d 65+ (n=610)	54
Education attainment	
a No high school diploma (n=209)	51
b High school grad (n=662)	74 ^a
c Some College (n=598)	89 ^{bc}
d College + (n=770)	95 ^{cd}
Household income	
a Less than \$30,000/yr (n=645)	67
b \$30,000-\$49,999 (n=396)	86 ^a
c \$50,000-\$74,999 (n=316)	90 ^a
d \$75,000+ (n=515)	98 ^{abc}

Source: Pew Internet Post-Election Survey, November 14 – December 6, 2012. N=2,261 adults ages 18+. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cell phones. Margin of error is +/- 2.3 percentage points for results based on all adults.

Note: Columns marked with a superscript letter () or another letter indicate a statistically significant difference between that row and the row designated by that superscript letter. Statistical significance is determined inside the specific section covering each demographic trait.

TECHNOLOGY

- VisionTree Optimal Care™ (VTOC)** is a software-as-a-service (SaaS), cloud-based, modular, interoperable patient/provider portal system
- Extensive library of over 200 validated oncology and general-purpose survey instruments (e.g. EPIC, IIEF, EQ5-D, SF-36, FACT-G, VAS, MDASI, etc.)
- Configurable clinical protocol templates assign survey instruments and timing of administration based on diagnosis
- Electronic reminders and notifications sent to patients via e-mail and SMS text messaging

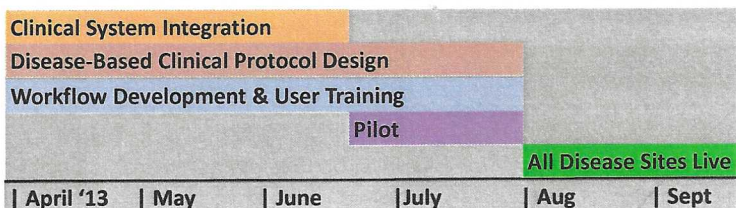


- Optimized for iPad and tablet PCs
- Web services API, HL7 interface capability for integration with existing clinical systems

- 256 bit SSL encryption, SAS-70 compliant data center, HIPAA and 21 CFR Part 11 compliant

PENN RADIATION ONCOLOGY PROJECT PLAN

- Plan to implement systematic collection of patient-reported quality of life surveys for all patients treated in the department
- Implementation Timeline:



- Disease site teams will select the surveys and time intervals to be associated with each set of diagnoses
- Proposed plans for integration include:
 - Transfer of ADT information from Aria to VTOC via web services
 - Transfer of completed survey documents from VTOC to Epic
 - Context aware hyperlink (pseudo “single sign on”) from Epic to VTOC
 - Incorporation of survey data into Penn Data Store
- Workflows will emphasize MyPennMedicine as the primary patient portal for most clinical functions, with VTOC as an adjunct tool for RadOnc quality of life survey collection

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