

Exploring how older patients with advanced hematologic malignancies utilize their social network

Theme #1

Variation in Social Network Size



Social networks range from 7 to 18 contacts

Theme #2

Lack of Patient-Oncologist Communication

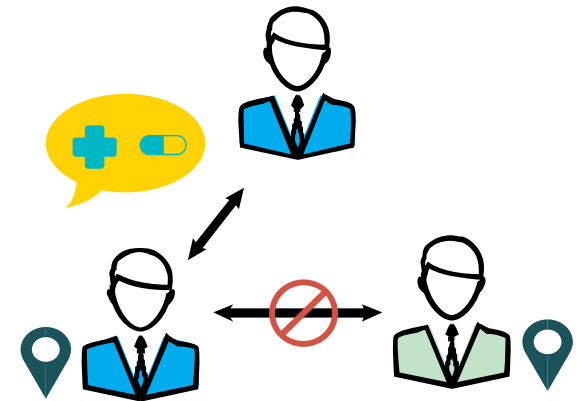
(Patients provide vague descriptions of diagnoses & unaware of approximate survival)



Reliance on contacts with medical background and/or cancer survivors

Theme #3

Selective Sharing/Receiving of Disease-Related Information



Withholding information from distant and busy contacts