



Oncology Nursing Journal Club

DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

TIME: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: 2-3330

Smuck, B., Bettello, P., Befghout, K., Hanna, T., Kowaleski, B., Phippard, L., Au, D., & Friel, K. (2011). Ontario Protocol Assessment Level: Clinical Trial Complexity Rating Tool for Workload Planning in Oncology Clinical Trials. *Journal of Oncology Practice*, 7(2), 80-84.

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Objectives:

1. Discuss the variables used in the Ontario Protocol Assessment Level (OPAL) complexity rating tool to facilitate workload management.
2. Describe ways in which OPAL would improve equitable allocation of resources in varied research settings.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you find article useful?
2. What is the practice, education, administration, or research question the author is trying to answer?
3. Why is it important to the Research Nurse?
4. Are there other factors that were omitted in the OPAL tool that could impact the actual workload complexity?
5. Would this tool be useful in identifying accurate workload ratings per individual protocols?
6. What protocol research activities were identified with the tool parameters to accurately capture a protocol's complex requirements?
7. Would this tool be useful in identifying needed resources and provide fair distribution of those resources within the various research teams?
8. What is the comparison for the tool used in research vs. community clinical trial settings?

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