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Dear Colleague:

The Pennsylvania Cancer Control Consortium (PAC³) is a unique organization in which public, private, and voluntary organizations across the state are working together to implement cancer control priorities, as outlined in the Pennsylvania Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. As part of this statewide effort, the PAC³ Quality of Life and Survivorship Team has developed the enclosed card to improve and facilitate face-to-face doctor/patient communication related to pain management issues. Careful planning and input from multiple audiences contributed to the design of this easy-to-read tool that can be used in your office, institution, or agency.

How the tool works:

Side 1 - *You Have a Right to Pain Control* informs the patient/caregiver that there is such a discipline as pain management and uses a series of questions, including an evidence-based assessment, to facilitate the conversation between the patient/caregiver and provider.

Side 2 - *After Talking with your Doctor or Nurse* provides the patient/caregiver with follow-up instructions for controlling pain that the patient/caregiver can refer to after meeting with the provider.

What you can do:

The PAC³ vision is that by working together in partnership across the continuum of cancer, we can improve the quality of life for cancer patients in Pennsylvania. This card has been developed for you to use in your office, agency or institution to help cancer patients improve their quality of life and assist physicians in easier and better communication with their patients.

To obtain FREE copies of the card for dissemination, please contact Heidi Zbel at the PAC³ Coordinating Office at 412-623-0033. After using the Pain Card, we request your assistance in providing us with feedback based on the brief questionnaire enclosed. Information from the questionnaire will help us evaluate the use and effectiveness of the Pain Card. It is our hope that you will implement usage of these cards and support our efforts to improve the quality of life for cancer patients in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Stadler
Executive Director

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