

# The Interdisciplinary Team: Implementing an Evidence- Based Model in Cancer Care

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# Why Build an Interdisciplinary Team in Geriatric Oncology?



- Increased emphasis on the value of interdisciplinary research
- The benefits of interdisciplinary expertise in clinical practice
- Opportunities for intraprofessional education



- Casting a wide net of funding opportunities

# Who to include in an Interdisciplinary Geriatric Oncology Team?



- Clinical disciplines (medicine, nursing, social work, chaplaincy, rehabilitation therapies, nutrition)

- Other potential team members (patients, family caregivers, health policy, economists, ethics, communication scholars, others)

# How to Build Teams?



- Clear focus on the role of each team member



- Creating team processes that promote collaboration

- Monitoring and evaluation of team processes to insure collaboration

# Examples

- P01 – Palliative Care in Lung Cancer
- R01 – Integrating Palliative Care for Patients on Phase 1 Clinical Trials