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NCODA Patient Treatment Calendar | Personalized Oncology Treatment Calendars

A scalable tool to support adherence, patient satisfaction, and coordinated cancer care

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Universal issue Complex anticancer regimens increase the risk of confusion, missed doses, delayed symptom reporting, and dissatisfaction with care.

Practical response NCODA Patient Treatment Calendars translate treatment plans into clear, personalized schedules for patients, caregivers, and care teams.

Background

Medication adherence, patient understanding, and satisfaction with care remain universal challenges in oncology practice. Patients and caregivers often manage anticancer therapy, supportive care medicines, laboratory monitoring, appointments, toxicity reporting, and dose modifications across multiple care settings. Written and electronic education materials are recommended to supplement verbal counseling and reinforce key information after the education visit.[1]

Purpose

NCODA's Patient Treatment Calendars provide clinicians with a practical, patient-centered tool to create individualized treatment schedules that translate complex regimens into clear, actionable calendars.[2] This poster highlights how treatment calendars can be used by advanced practitioners and oncology teams to improve communication, promote adherence, and support coordinated care.

Learning Objectives

- Describe challenges related to adherence, treatment understanding, and satisfaction.
- Explain how personalized calendars may support comprehension, adherence, symptom monitoring, and communication.
- Identify opportunities to integrate calendars into oncology care workflows.

Key Metrics

- Launched April, 2026
- > 50 NCODA Developed Templates
- Over 5,660 calendars created (as of September, 2026)

Scan for Example of Patient Calendar

Methods: Practice-Focused Review

NCODA Patient Treatment Calendars were developed in response to recurring challenges identified by oncology professionals across diverse practice settings. Common pain points included the time required to create individualized calendars, limitations in space and clarity, difficulty standardizing information, and challenges updating and sharing treatment plans across the care team.

These overlapping needs informed development of a flexible platform designed around common oncology workflows and patient care touchpoints, including treatment initiation, regimen changes, medication education, supportive care counseling, toxicity monitoring, and follow-up.

Key service needs identified

- Easily accessible platform
- Customizable for practice preferences
- Multidisciplinary communication/collaboration
- Adaptability across practice settings
- Ease of use for patients and caregiver involvement
- Ability to update based of individual treatment needs

Tool Function

A personalized calendar converts complex treatment plans into an understandable roadmap that can be reviewed during counseling and used by patients between visits.[2]

- Start from template or from scratch
- Customize to practice standards and patient need
  - Supportive medications
  - Change icon color(s) & order
  - Add, remove, edit items from template
- Invite other clinicians to edit (internally or externally)
- Share with patient by print, email, text, QR code, or link
- Saved calendars can be edited; patient will have real time access to changes (electronic)

Results: How Calendars May Support Care

01 Adherence
Clear dates, dosing check boxes, administration instructions, and supportive care reminders help patients know what to take and expect.

02 Patient satisfaction
A personalized visual plan can improve confidence, reduce uncertainty, and make care feel more organized.

03 Care coordination
A standardised resource aligns counseling across pharmacists, nurses, prescribers, navigators, patients, and caregivers.

In settings managing anticancer medicines, calendars may complement structured education checklists and follow-up workflows by providing patients with a clear visual plan for therapy.[3]

"The calendar tool is extremely useful for our patients to better stay on track with their treatments and appointments."

Conclusion and Future Evaluation

Patient adherence and satisfaction are global priorities in cancer care. Personalized oncology treatment calendars represent a scalable, low-burden strategy to improve regimen understanding, reinforce adherence, enhance communication, and support a coordinated care experience. Since its inception, direct feedback has led to enhancements of the platform. NCODA is committed to continual improvement for member ease/satisfaction and ultimately better patient care.

Future Enhancements

- Adherence
- Patient notification of changes
- Treatment delays
- Toxicity reporting
- Language support

Scan to log in to Patient Treatment Calendars

Takeaway **A personalized calendar turns a complex treatment plan into an understandable roadmap, supporting clarity, confidence, and connection to the care team.**

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