**Fast Facts**

**Alliance A221303: Randomized Study of Early Palliative Care Integrated with Standard Oncology Care vs Standard Oncology Care Alone in Patients with Incurable Lung or Non-Colorectal Gastrointestinal Malignancies**

During registration, patients will be randomized to receive either early palliative care (Arm 1) or standard oncology care (Arm 2). Over the course of the study patients and their family caregivers in both arms will be asked to complete questionnaires about quality-of-life, mood, and their perception of prognosis and treatment goals during regularly scheduled oncology clinical visits at baseline and week 6, 12, and 24 visits.

**PATIENT SELECTION**

1. **On-Study Guidelines**
   a. Although they will not be considered formal eligibility (exclusion) criteria, physicians should recognize that the following may seriously increase the risk to the patient entering this protocol:
      - Psychiatric illness which would prevent the patient from giving informed consent.

2. **Study Patient Participant Eligibility Requirements**
   a. Confirmed incurable lung cancer (NSCLC, small cell lung cancer, or mesothelioma) or non-colorectal GI cancer (esophageal, gastric, hepatic, biliary, or pancreatic or GI unknown primary) not being treated with curative intent.
   b. Informed of diagnosis of incurable disease within the previous 8 weeks.
   c. Age ≥ 18 years
   d. ECOG Performance Status 0-2
   e. Ability to read and respond to questions in English or able to complete questions with minimal assistance required from an interpreter or family member.
   f. Planning to receive all medical care for cancer at the enrolling institution.
   g. Participants must be under the care of an oncologist (who does not practice as a palliative care physician for that patient), but their current plan may or may not include chemotherapy or other forms of tumor-directed therapies.

3. **Study Family Caregiver Participant Eligibility Requirements**
   a. Relative or friend who is identified by the patient participant who plans to regularly accompany the patient to the majority of their clinic visits.
   b. Family caregiver must live with the patient or have in-person contact with him or her at least twice per week.
   c. Ability to read and respond to questions in English or able to complete questions with minimal assistance required from an interpreter or family member.
   d. Age ≥ 18 years

*Note: An eligible patient may participate in this trial without an eligible family caregiver being registered.*
TREATMENT

ARM 1 (Early Palliative Care)
- Baseline visit
- Palliative care visits/calls at least every 4 weeks throughout life

ARM 2 (Standard Oncology Care)
- Baseline visit
- Palliative care visit only upon request from attending oncologist(s) or patient/family