

Example 2: Nominee 11	Open-Ended Response
<p>The CLP should play an essential role in upholding the Commission on Cancer Standards. Please explain in 250 words or less how your CLP has helped educate your program's Cancer Committee members about these standards, and their role if any, in meeting the standards</p>	<p>Nominee 11 is an active participant in all cancer committee meetings, where he plays a crucial role in educating the committee on standards. At the onset of each year, he reviews the standards and, in collaboration with our lead cancer registrar and director of oncology, ensures thorough preparation for upcoming meetings, including reviewing any changes or new standards. He remains available for consultation to address concerns and provide clarity on these standards, actively engaging with different specialties to emphasize their roles and responsibilities within the committee. For instance, Nominee 11 advocates for the use of CAP protocols on breast biopsies and resection specimens to enhance the evaluation of cancer, demonstrating his commitment to improving patient care. During our recent COC accreditation survey, he provided invaluable insight and guidance, highlighting the unique challenges faced by our program, such as the absence of employed oncologists, and how we effectively coordinate patient care despite this.</p>
<p>An outstanding CLP possesses a clear understanding of the National Cancer Database (NCDB) reporting tools and uses them effectively to assess program performance. Please explain in 250 words or less how your CLP does this.</p>	<p>Nominee 11's contributions extend beyond mere participation; he actively educates the committee on tracking quality metrics, particularly focusing on breast, colon, and lung cancer outcomes. He presents data on Standard 2.2, discussing the percentage of patients receiving appropriate care in terms of adjuvant radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, endocrine therapy, and surgical interventions, comparing our performance to state and national benchmarks. Additionally, he addresses the issue of uninsured patients, proposing strategies to improve access to care in non-Medicaid expanded states. Furthermore, Nominee 11 plays a pivotal role in communicating national standards to the team, ensuring continuous compliance throughout the year. He actively participates in cancer registry quality control and encourages real-time abstracting to provide timely feedback on cancer outcomes. His involvement in brainstorming sessions and quality improvement initiatives, such as standardizing MRI reporting for rectal cancers, underscores his dedication to enhancing patient outcomes. He also is integral year-to-year in selecting, reviewing, and determining needed action plans for standard 7.2 with monitoring concordance with evidence based guidelines</p>
<p>CLPs are tasked with leading Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives at their cancer programs. Please explain in 250 words or less how your CLP is a leader in this area and works with the cancer teams and program leadership to implement QI initiatives.</p>	<p>Regarding radiation oncology care, Nominee 11 is at the forefront of advancing treatment options in our region. He advocates for and implements innovative techniques, such as accelerated partial breast irradiation, and introduces new technologies like High Dose Rate Radiation for gynecological patients, including the exclusive "SYED" brachytherapy. This approach minimizes radiation side effects, particularly in cervical cancer patients, demonstrating his commitment to improving both short-term and long-term treatment outcomes. This quality improvement has changed patients care in many states not just locally</p>
<p>Is your CLP involved in regional cancer-related activities? Examples would include participation in local cancer consortium activities, state advocacy and regional meetings in their specialty. If yes, please provide additional details in 250 words or less.</p>	<p>Nominee 11 will present this fall at Hospital system's survivorship symposium regarding survivorship for prostate cancer patients. This symposium was first started for breast cancer survivors only but has progressed to all cancers. Particular topics include post treatment sexuality and incontinence issues. Topics that are often avoided are the most important to discuss and Nominee 11 understands that.</p>
<p>Please provide an example of how the nominee identifies and brings forward specific issues to the Cancer Committee that have resulted in changes that improved patient care (250 words or less).</p>	<p>As above with advocating for CAP protocol on breast biopsies. He has implemented new treatment for gyn and breast cancers with less invasive radiation with minimization of side effects and complications of surrounding structures.</p>
<p>Please provide a specific example of how the nominee either fosters a strong relationship with the American Cancer Society or utilizes American Cancer Society resources in their work (250 words or less).</p>	<p>Nominee 11's dedication extends beyond clinical practice; he actively addresses socioeconomic disparities in cancer care by utilizing programs like ACS's "Ride to Recovery" and providing support for patients facing financial constraints. Drawing from his own background, he understands the challenges faced by rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged patients, emphasizing the importance of completing cancer screenings to mitigate disparities</p>
<p>Is there any other information you would like to add that demonstrates ways in which your program's CLP has excelled in the role?</p>	<p>In summary, Nominee 11's contributions to our cancer program as a CLP are invaluable. He not only played a crucial role in preparing for the survey but also advocates for continuous advancement and improvement, pushing the team to explore new and innovative treatment options for all patients.</p>