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Dear Provider,

We were recently granted from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) an award for a pragmatic, randomized controlled trial titled "Emergency Medicine Palliative Care Access (EMPallA)." This multi-site comparative effectiveness trial will measure the effects of nurse-led telephonic palliative care versus facilitated outpatient palliative care on quality of life, healthcare utilization, loneliness, and symptom burden. Caregivers will also be enrolled and assessed on caregiver strain, quality of life, and bereavement.

For this project, research staff will approach eligible patients in the Emergency Departments of **Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak and Beaumont Hospital, Troy** for participants. Eligible patients will include those 65 years of age and older with advanced cancer (defined as metastatic solid tumor) or end-stage organ failure (New York Heart Association Class IV Heart Failure, End Stage Renal Disease defined as  $GFR < 15 \text{ ml/min/m}^2$ , or oxygen-dependent COPD) who possess health insurance, access to a working telephone, and reside within the geographical area of the hospital. Patients who provide informed consent to participate will then be randomized to either the nurse-led telephonic palliative care or facilitated outpatient palliative care arm. The palliative care providers in either arm will be sure to communicate any pertinent information or changes in the patient's status to the primary treatment team.

If you have any questions or concerns, please respond to this email and let us know. Please note that if we do not receive a response from you within the next two weeks, we will assume we can enroll your patients if they meet inclusion criteria and consent to participate.

Thank you,

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