

Acknowledging and Addressing sexuality issues of patients with cancer including LGBTQI+

Chair: **Mary K. Hughes**, APRN, RN, CT, FAPOS

Mary K. Hughes earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Woman's University and is certified in thanatology. She has been a clinical nurse specialist in the Psychiatry Department at University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center since 1990. She is a charter member as well as a fellow (2023) of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society and is active in several nursing societies and has held offices in these. She has received several awards from various professional societies and lectures internationally, nationally and locally about quality of life issues of patients with cancer and has published on these subjects.

Facilitator: **Samantha Serpentine**, PhD

Dr. Serpentine graduated from University of Padova, received a master's degree from University of Bologna. She obtained several fellowships from University-Hospital of Padova and has been employed in the Hospital of Bassano del Grappa (Vicenza, Italy) as clinical psychologist in oncology and palliative care.

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Goals:

1. Define sex, gender, and orientation
2. Describe how cancer and/or its treatments can affect sexual functioning.
3. Describe how language can be inclusive for sexual and gender minorities (SGM).
4. List 3 potential treatments for cancer-related sexual dysfunction.

½ day workshop