BACKGROUND

• Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) has multiple satellite sites in the communities throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
• While the satellites practice under the DFCI license and follow DFCI policies, the staff verbalized they felt a disconnect from the Boston campus as it pertains to the workflows and practices.
• The DFCI Boston campus has disease specific units, while the satellites are generalized cancer diagnoses and hematology diagnoses.

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• The committee meets once a month via conference call. The agenda is based on items identified by the infusion nurses.

METHODS

• Through multiple discussions with the infusion nurses throughout the satellites, the decision was made to develop a committee inclusive of infusion nurses to represent the satellite locations.

RESULTS

• The committee initially met in April 2017, totaling 6 meetings to date.
• The meeting agenda and minutes are compiled and disseminated at each satellite location via monthly staff meetings.
• Additionally, the information is disseminated through an email titled “Top 10” which highlights minutes of Sharing Hints adding highlights from other committees dictating practice and policy.

CONCLUSIONS

• The practice changes that the committee has changed include, waste disposal standardization, review of initial nursing assessment, and primary nursing assignments.
• The staff now report feeling more connected to DFCI Boston and report the committee very helpful.
• DFCI Boston has also on the reciprocating connection, in suggestions from the satellites.