

Avalere Partners with Leading Providers and Advocacy Groups to Chart Course for SDM in Cancer Care /

Despite recognition that providers should implement shared decision making (SDM) as standard practice, integration of SDM into regular care delivery remains elusive. It is clear that usable, feasible, and practical tools are needed to drive increased SDM in oncology.

To address this goal, Avalere partnered with a multidisciplinary group of leading providers, patient advocacy groups, and others to identify key principles in designing and testing processes to promote SDM in routine oncology practice.

[In a commentary](#) published this month in the peer-reviewed Journal of Palliative Care, we describe 3 best practices for addressing challenges associated with implementing SDM that emerged from a multidisciplinary collaborative: (1) engagement of diverse stakeholders who have interest in SDM; (2) development and validation of an evidence-based SDM tool grounded within an established conceptual framework; and (3) development of the necessary roadmap and consideration of the infrastructure needed for engendering patient engagement in decision-making. We believe these 3 principles are critical to the success of creating SDM tools to be utilized both within and outside of clinical practice, and it reinforces efforts of a related Avalere multistakeholder collaborative, the [Patient-Perspective Value Framework Initiative](#).

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