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**BACKGROUND:** The National Cancer Institute's Patient-Reported Outcomes Version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, collected alongside the clinician-reported Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, enables comparisons of patient and clinician reports on treatment toxicity. **METHODS:** In a multisite study of women receiving chemotherapy for early-stage breast cancer, symptom reports were collected on the same day from patients and their clinicians for 17 symptoms; their data were not shared with each other. The proportions of moderate, severe, or very severe patient-reported symptom severity were compared with the proportions of clinician-rated grade 2, 3, or 4 toxicity. Patient-clinician agreement was assessed via  $\kappa$  statistics. Chi-square tests investigated whether patient characteristics were associated with patient-clinician agreement. **RESULTS:** Among 267 women, the median age was 58 years (range, 24–83 years), and 26% were nonwhite. There was moderate scoring agreement ( $\kappa = 0.413$ – $0.570$ ) for 53% of symptoms, fair agreement for 41% ( $\kappa = 0.220$ – $0.378$ ), and slight agreement for 6% ( $\kappa = 0.188$ ). For example, patient-reported and clinician-rated percentages were 22% and 8% for severe or very severe fatigue, 41% and 46% for moderate fatigue, 32% and 39% for mild fatigue, and 6% and 7% for none. Clinician severity scores were lower for nonwhite patients in comparison with white patients for peripheral neuropathy, nausea, arthralgia, and dyspnea. **CONCLUSIONS:** Although clinician reporting of symptoms is common practice in oncology, there is suboptimal agreement with the gold standard of patient self-reporting. These data provide further evidence supporting the integration of patient-reported outcomes into oncological clinical research and clinical practice to improve monitoring of symptoms as well as timely interventions for symptoms. *Cancer* 2020;126:3084–3093. © 2020 American Cancer Society.

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## INTRODUCTION

The National Cancer Institute's Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE)<sup>1</sup> is the long-standing standard approach for the collection and reporting of adverse events in oncology research.<sup>2</sup> Of the approximately 800 adverse events included in the CTCAE item library, approximately 10% correspond to symptoms, such as nausea and sensory neuropathy. However, CTCAE items are recorded by clinical research staff rather than patients. In response to growing evidence for the value of patient-reported symptom severity as a complement to clinician-assessed toxicity,<sup>3</sup> the National Cancer Institute supported the development of the Patient-Reported Outcomes Version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (PRO-CTCAE),<sup>4,5</sup> which became publicly available in April 2016. Like CTCAE, PRO-CTCAE provides single-item measures for patient-reported symptom severity and also includes items for interference with usual or daily activities and the frequency of some symptoms.

The development of PRO-CTCAE held the promise of improved understanding of patient and clinician toxicity reports for multiple symptoms simultaneously and at multiple time points during chemotherapy if PRO-CTCAE

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and CTCAE reports were completed in real time during the same clinic visit.<sup>6</sup> This would enable more rigorous analyses of convergence and divergence in patient and clinician perspectives on important clinical endpoints such as quality of life and function.<sup>7</sup> PRO-CTCAE could also facilitate collaborative reporting on symptoms that are not asked about routinely through a process in which patient-reported toxicity forms are made readily available to the treating clinician during routine clinic visits.<sup>8</sup>

Within a growing body of literature documenting discrepancies between patient- and clinician-reported toxicities,<sup>8</sup> studies making paired comparisons of health care provider–assessed CTCAE and patient-reported PRO-CTCAE (or patient-tested precursors to PRO-CTCAE) have been conducted in patients receiving chemotherapy for head and neck cancer,<sup>9</sup> genitourinary cancer,<sup>10</sup> and lung cancer,<sup>10,11</sup> patients receiving radiotherapy,<sup>12</sup> and patients receiving chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy,<sup>5</sup> with 4 of these studies collecting data at more than 1 time point during treatment.<sup>5,9,11,12</sup> Additional studies have compared CTCAE toxicity grades with validated symptom measures such as the European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer Core Quality of Life Questionnaire (QLQ-C30)<sup>13-15</sup> and other study-specific symptom reports,<sup>16</sup> with 1 of these studies collecting data at multiple time points during treatment.<sup>14</sup> Some of the aforementioned studies included women with early breast cancer within a mixed sample of adults with cancer; however, findings were not reported separately for each type of cancer<sup>5,13,16</sup> or had a specific focus on early-stage breast cancer.

In this study, we conducted an analysis among women with early-stage breast cancer in which we compared clinician-reported (CTCAE) and patient-reported (PRO-CTCAE) severity for 17 symptoms collected at multiple time points throughout chemotherapy. We have previously reported that patient-assessed symptom severity for these 17 symptoms varies significantly among 4 chemotherapy regimens commonly used in current clinical practice,<sup>17</sup> and this confirms the importance of continuous symptom monitoring throughout treatment. We have also reported that there is minimal agreement between patient- and clinician-reported severity scores for chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy associated with these chemotherapy regimens.<sup>18</sup> In the current study, we compare patient and clinician reports for all 17 symptoms, and we identify

factors that may be associated with patient-clinician consensus or divergence.<sup>13</sup>

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### *Study Participants*

This is a secondary analysis of data from a sample of women recruited into 1 of 3 prospective, nonrandomized studies of a walking intervention for patients receiving (neo)adjuvant chemotherapy for early breast cancer (stages 0-III according to American Joint Committee on Cancer staging, 7th edition; ClinicalTrials.gov identifiers NCT02167932, NCT02328313, and NCT03761706). Patients were 21 years old or older and were recruited before starting chemotherapy regimens that were selected by clinicians in consultation with their patients. Patients provided written informed consent, and the studies were approved by the University of North Carolina Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center's protocol review committee and the institutional review boards for each study site.

### *Measures*

From chemotherapy initiation through the end of chemotherapy, patients completed a patient-reported symptom form for 17 symptoms. These symptoms were selected a priori for their observed frequency in the treatment of patients with early breast cancer. In 2 studies (NCT02167932 and NCT02328313), the reporting form was the validated patient-reported symptom monitor (PRSM).<sup>19</sup> The PRSM was a precursor to PRO-CTCAE and was used because PRO-CTCAE was not publicly available when these 2 studies were initiated. The PRSM precursor was developed by investigators who were also involved with the development of PRO-CTCAE<sup>4,20</sup> and has a structure and response scale analogous to those of PRO-CTCAE (Supporting Table 1); it uses single-item measures of symptom severity on a 5-point scale with response options ranging from "none/no symptom" to "very severe."<sup>21</sup> In addition, using a single-item measure, patients reported the symptom "interference with doing things you usually do" with similar 5-point response options ranging from "not at all" to "very much." When PRO-CTCAE became publicly available, it was used as the reporting form for the third study (NCT03761706). Depending on their chemotherapy infusion schedule over 4 to 8 total cycles, patients completed symptom reports every other week or every third week. Patients with weekly infusion schedules (mostly paclitaxel) completed

symptom reports every other week to avoid overreporting in this cohort in comparison with the rest of the sample. Patients completed symptom reports during their chemotherapy infusion, which was after they had seen their oncology clinician.

On the same day that patients completed symptom reports, their oncology clinician (MD, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) was asked to complete a CTCAE study form to rate the same set of 17 symptoms. The patient reports were not available to their clinicians. For comparison with patient-reported scores, CTCAE response options were standardized across symptoms as follows: 0 = none, 1 = mild, 2 = moderate, 3 = severe, and 4 = disabling.<sup>22,23</sup> We matched patient-reported “none” with CTCAE grade 0, “mild” with grade 1, “moderate” with grade 2, and “severe/very severe” with grade 3/4<sup>21,24</sup>; this was consistent with a previously developed mapping algorithm.<sup>22,23</sup>

### Statistical Analysis

Descriptive statistics were used to summarize patient characteristics, breast cancer diagnoses and treatments, adverse events, and patient- and clinician-reported symptom scores. Because clinicians were not always available to complete reports, only data points from days on which both the patient and the clinician reported were included. The essential metric for our study was the maximum score for each symptom at any time during the measurement period (start to end of chemotherapy); this is the approach used in clinical trials when treatment toxicity is reported. The proportions of moderate, severe, or very severe patient-reported symptom severity and interference were compared with the proportions of clinician-rated grade 2, 3, or 4 toxicity for all 17 symptoms combined and for each symptom individually.

We assessed agreement between patient- and clinician-reported dichotomized maximum scores by reporting simple  $\kappa$  coefficients for each symptom.<sup>25</sup> Dichotomization was “low” for none or mild and “high” for moderate, severe, or very severe. A priori interpretation of the  $\kappa$  statistic used standard rating criteria<sup>26</sup>: <0.0, less than chance agreement; 0.01 to 0.20, slight agreement; 0.21 to 0.40, fair agreement; 0.41 to 0.60, moderate agreement; 0.61 to 0.80, substantial agreement; and 0.81 to 0.99, almost perfect agreement. The same method was used to compare the patient-reported symptom “interference with things you usually like to do” with the clinician toxicity grade. Chi-square tests were conducted to investigate whether patient characteristics were associated with patient-clinician

**TABLE 1.** Study Participant Characteristics (n = 267)

Variable	Value
Age, median (SD), y	58 (13)
Age, range, y	24-83
Race, No. (%)	
Not white	70 (26)
White	197 (74)
Education, No. (%)	
High school or less	38 (14)
More than high school	227 (86)
Married, No. (%)	
No	116 (44)
Yes	149 (56)
Body mass index, mean (SD), kg/m <sup>2</sup>	30 (7)
Body mass index, range, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	17-65
Body mass index, No. (%)	
Underweight (<18.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	3 (1)
Normal (18.5 to <25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	72 (27)
Overweight (25 to <30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	83 (31)
Obese I ( $\geq$ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	109 (41)
Menopausal status at breast cancer diagnosis, No. (%)	
Premenopausal	81 (31)
Postmenopausal	183 (69)
Breast cancer stage, No. (%)	
I	67 (25)
II	133 (50)
III	67 (25)
Breast cancer phenotype, No. (%)	
HR-negative/HER2-negative	78 (29)
HR-negative/HER2-positive	34 (13)
HR-positive/HER2-negative	120 (45)
HR-positive/HER2-positive	34 (13)
Breast cancer surgery, No. (%)	
None	7 (3)
Lumpectomy	126 (48)
Mastectomy	127 (49)
Anti-HER2 therapy, No. (%)	67 (25)
Chemotherapy timing, No. (%)	
Neoadjuvant	103 (39)
Adjuvant	159 (60)
Both	1 (1)
Chemotherapy regimens: drug combinations, No. (%)	
AC-T	82 (31)
AC-TC	19 (7)
TC <sup>a</sup>	70 (27)
TCH	41 (16)
Other	51 (19)

Abbreviations: AC-T, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed or preceded by paclitaxel/Taxol; AC-TC, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide plus paclitaxel and carboplatin; TC, docetaxel and cyclophosphamide with or without anti-human epithelial growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) therapy; TCH; docetaxel and carboplatin plus anti-human epithelial growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) therapy.

<sup>a</sup>Three patients also received anti-HER2 therapy.

agreement on maximum severity scores for each symptom individually.

## RESULTS

### Patient Characteristics

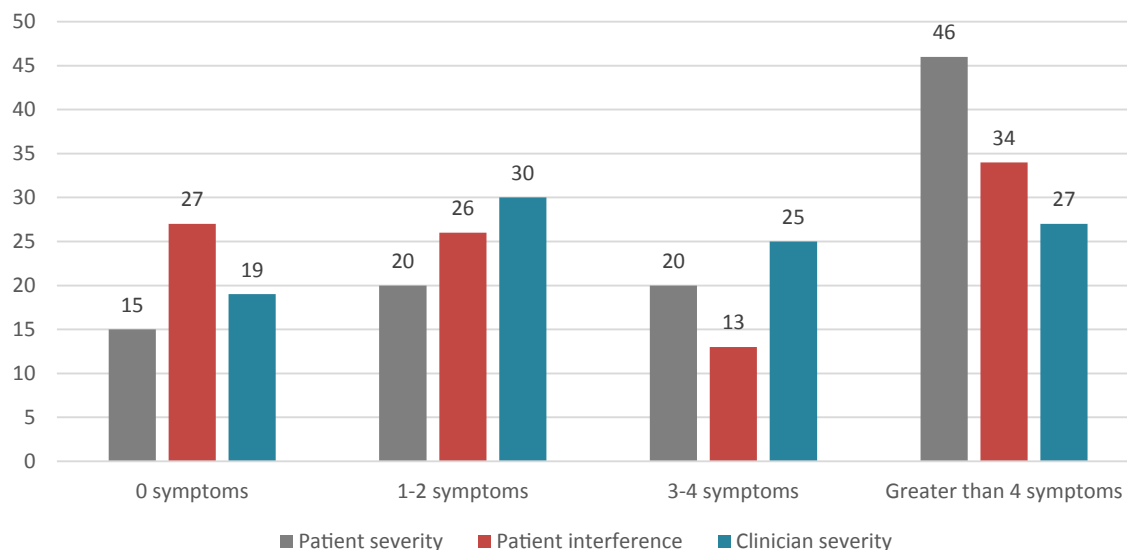
In a sample of 267 women, the median age was 58 years (range, 24-83 years), and 26% were nonwhite. Breast cancer was distributed across stages I, II, and III and



**Figure 1.** Maximum severity score at any time during chemotherapy: patient and clinician scores.

across 4 different common chemotherapy regimens (Table 1). A total of 1203 same-day paired reports were considered in our analysis, and the maximum symptom score for each patient was the unit of analysis.

For patients receiving doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide followed or preceded by paclitaxel/Taxol (AC-T) or doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide plus paclitaxel and carboplatin (AC-TC), the median number of



**Figure 2.** Patient-reported moderate, severe, or very severe symptom severity and interference and clinician-rated grade 2, 3, or 4 toxicity (percentages of patients).

reports was 6; for those receiving docetaxel and cyclophosphamide (TC) with or without anti-human epithelial growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) therapy, it was 3; for those receiving docetaxel and carboplatin plus anti-HER2 therapy (TCH) it was 5; and for all regimens combined, it was 4.

#### **Patient and Clinician Symptom Severity Scores**

In Figure 1, the proportions of patient-reported maximum severity scores ranging from none to severe/very severe and clinician toxicity grades ranging from 0 to 3/4 are presented for individual symptoms. For example, patient- and clinician-rated percentages were 22% and 8% for severe or very severe fatigue, 41% and 46% for moderate fatigue, 32% and 39% for mild fatigue, and 6% and 7% for none. This figure illustrates how the proportions of patient-reported moderate and severe/very severe symptoms were consistently higher than the proportions of clinician-rated toxicity grades 2 and 3/4.

Figure 2 illustrates the percentages of patients who rated their symptom severity or interference as moderate, severe, or very severe and the percentages of clinicians who rated their toxicity grade 2, 3, or 4. For example, in the far right grouping, 46% of patients rated more than 4 symptoms as moderate or worse in severity; 34% of patients rated more than 4 symptoms as moderate or worse in interference; and 27% of patients were rated by their clinician as having more than 4 symptoms graded 2, 3, or 4. In the far left group, 15% of patients rated none

of their symptoms as moderate or worse in severity, 27% of patients rated symptom interference as moderate or worse, and 19% of patients had none of their symptoms graded by their clinicians as 2 or higher.

#### **Agreement of Patient- and Clinician-Rated Symptom Severity**

Table 2 shows the proportions of study participants for whom patients and clinicians agreed that symptom severity was low (none or mild) or high (moderate or severe/very severe). The table also shows where clinician maximum severity scores were higher than patient scores (clinician high/patient low) and where patient maximum scores were higher than clinician scores (patient high/clinician low). For example, for constipation, there was patient-physician agreement on low symptom severity for 65% of patients, and there was agreement on high symptom severity for 11% of patients; however, for 3% of patients, the clinicians rated symptom severity higher than their patients, and in turn, 21% of patients rated their constipation severity higher than their clinicians did.

Overall, there was moderate agreement ( $\kappa = 0.413-0.570$ ) on symptom severity for 9 of 17 symptoms (53%), fair agreement on 7 symptoms (41%;  $\kappa = 0.220-0.378$ ), and slight agreement on 1 symptom (6%;  $\kappa = 0.188$ ). In the lower half of Table 2, we report comparisons of patient-reported symptom interference with clinician-reported severity. Again, we find moderate agreement ( $\kappa = 0.402-0.522$ ) on 7 of 17 symptoms (41%), fair

**TABLE 2.** Agreement Between Patients and Clinicians: Maximum Symptom Severity and Interference Scores at Any Time During Treatment (n = 267)

Symptom	Agreement on Maximum Symptom Severity Score, %				$\kappa^a$
	Agree Low	Agree High	Clinician High, Patient Low	Patient High, Clinician Low	
Constipation	65	11	3	21	0.329
Diarrhea	62	14	4	21	0.378
Nausea	65	14	7	14	0.437
Vomiting	90	2	4	5	0.220
Mucositis, oral	74	10	5	12	0.447
Fatigue, lack of energy	31	48	7	14	0.570
Aching joints/arthralgia	60	17	5	18	0.455
Aching muscles/myalgia	62	13	6	20	0.363
Peripheral neuropathy	60	16	11	13	0.413
Anxiety	57	16	5	22	0.372
Feeling sad, unhappy/depression	73	10	2	15	0.444
Insomnia	43	27	5	25	0.416
Dyspnea/light-headedness	77	4	4	15	0.224
Abdominal pain	83	2	2	14	0.188
Edema, limbs	79	4	1	17	0.245
General pain	60	20	8	12	0.523
Hot flashes	66	16	8	11	0.513

Symptom	Agreement on Maximum Symptom Interference Score, %				$\kappa^a$
	Agree Low	Agree High	Clinician High, Patient Low	Patient High, Clinician Low	
Constipation	77	6	7	9	0.337
Diarrhea	70	11	6	13	0.426
Nausea	68	11	9	12	0.384
Vomiting	89	1	4	6	0.150
Mucositis, oral	80	6	9	6	0.348
Fatigue, lack of energy	32	44	11	13	0.522
Aching joints/arthralgia	64	14	9	14	0.402
Aching muscles/myalgia	68	12	7	14	0.406
Peripheral neuropathy	64	10	18	8	0.256
Anxiety	68	13	9	11	0.441
Feeling sad, unhappy/depression	79	8	4	9	0.506
Insomnia	52	21	12	16	0.398
Dyspnea/light-headedness	78	4	4	12	0.275
Abdominal pain	85	3	1	11	0.265
Edema, limbs	86	2	2	10	0.247
General pain	61	18	11	10	0.466
Hot flashes	71	8	16	5	0.311

Low is defined as none or mild for patient-reported symptoms and as grade 0 or 1 for clinician-rated toxicities; high is defined as moderate, severe, or very severe for patient-reported symptoms and as grade 2, 3, or 4 for clinician-rated toxicities. For  $\kappa$  interpretation, <0.0 is less than chance agreement, 0.01 to 0.20 is slight agreement, 0.21 to 0.40 is fair agreement, 0.41 to 0.60 is moderate agreement, 0.61 to 0.80 is substantial agreement, and 0.81 to 0.99 is almost perfect agreement.

<sup>a</sup>All  $\kappa$  values were statistically significant ( $P \leq .05$ ).

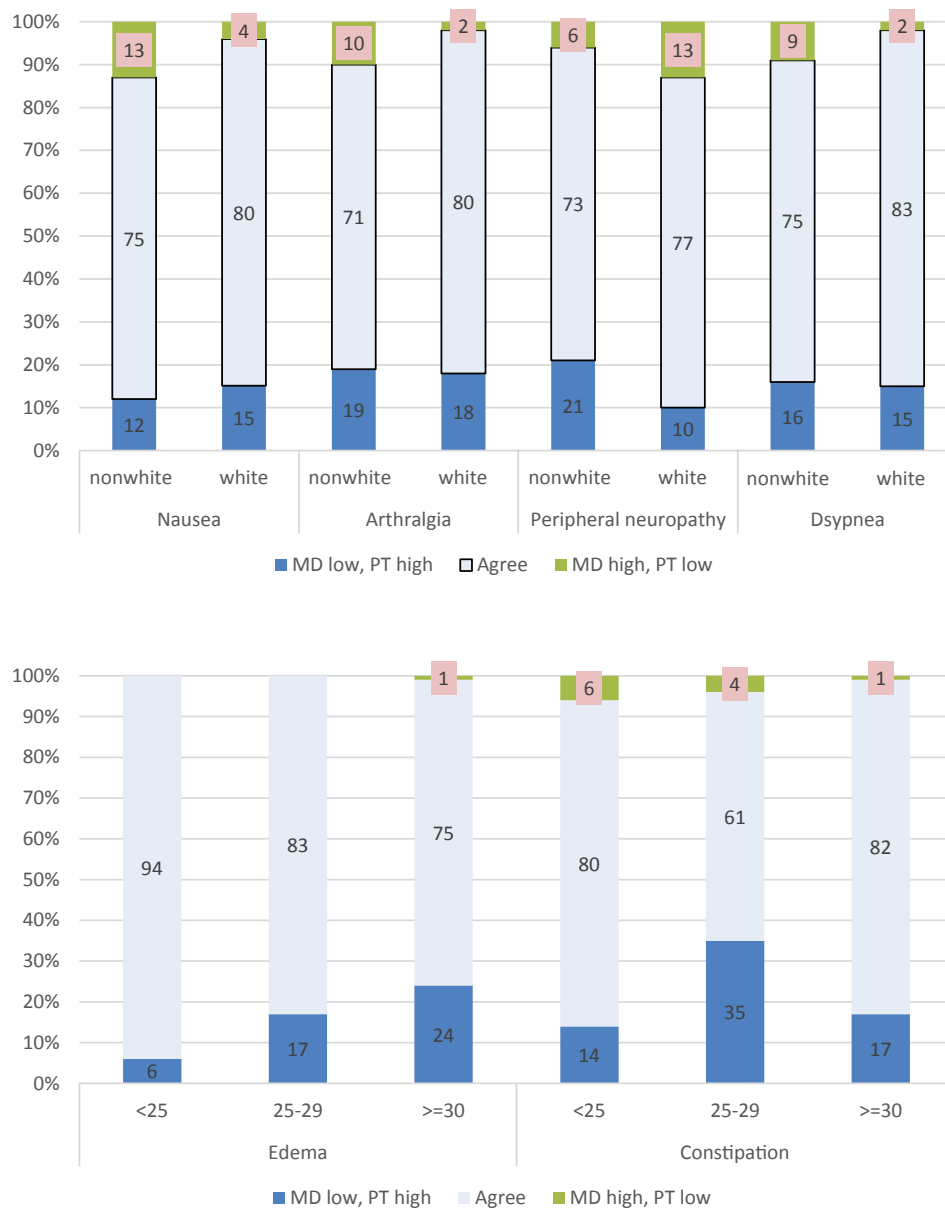
agreement on 9 symptoms (53%;  $\kappa = 0.247$ -0.398), and slight agreement on 1 symptom (6%;  $\kappa = 0.150$ ). All  $\kappa$  estimates were statistically significant ( $P \leq .05$ ).

#### **Variables Associated With Patient-Clinician Agreement on Symptom Severity Scores**

With 3 levels of agreement (agree, clinician high/patient low, and patient high/clinician low), associations with patient characteristics were explored (Supporting Table 2). The highest number of statistically significant associations (signifying differences between patient and clinician scores) was seen for race with respect to nausea ( $P = .05$ ), arthralgia ( $P = .04$ ), peripheral neuropathy ( $P = .04$ ), and dyspnea ( $P = .05$ ). These differences are further

elucidated in Figure 3, which shows that in 21% of non-white patients and 10% of white patients, clinicians rated peripheral neuropathy severity low when patients rated it high ( $P = .04$ ). However, the reverse is shown for nausea, for which clinicians rated symptom severity low when patients rated it high in 15% of white patients and 12% of nonwhite patients ( $P = .05$ ).

Similarly, Figure 3 presents significant differences by body mass index (BMI), with clinician severity scores for constipation lower than patient scores for patients with BMIs less than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (14%), BMIs of 25 to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (35%), and BMIs of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher (17%;  $P = .003$ ). BMI-related differences are also shown for edema ( $P = .005$ ), with the rate of clinician



**Figure 3.** Patient (PT)-clinician (MD) congruence by race and body mass index (BMI).

underreporting increasing with increasing BMI levels. Regarding marital status, clinician severity scores for peripheral neuropathy were lower for unmarried patients (19%) than married patients (8%;  $P = .03$ ). There were no significant differences for age, education, or menopausal status.

## DISCUSSION

Quality of life has been measured extensively in women with early breast cancer,<sup>27</sup> but few studies have

administered single-item symptom assessments related to specific treatment- or disease-related adverse events at frequent intervals during active treatment (which is an emerging standard for adverse event monitoring in clinical trials)<sup>8</sup> or have compared same-day patient and clinician reporting of this information. In our sample of women with early breast cancer, toxicity scores for 17 symptoms were collected longitudinally via single-item scales for patient-reported symptom severity and interference (PRO-CTCAE or PRSM) and clinician toxicity

grades (CTCAE). Patients completed their form before seeing their oncologist, and clinicians completed their form after the visit. Scoring reports were not shared between patients and clinicians. The analysis was limited to patient-clinician scores that were collected on the same day (“paired”).

Across all 17 symptoms, clinician toxicity grades were lower than patient-reported severity scores, as seen in the proportions of symptoms for which patients rated symptom severity high but clinicians rated toxicity low. This observation corroborates findings from an Italian study in women with early breast cancer that compared symptom questionnaires from patients at 2 time points (using a translation of CTCAE into Italian) with toxicity grades that were extracted and interpreted from clinician notes by research staff nurses.<sup>28</sup> In our study, we note higher congruence between patients and clinicians when symptoms severity was low and lower congruence when symptom severity was high; this is similar to what has been previously reported in other studies.<sup>29</sup> This observation is especially problematic when patients report high symptom severity but their clinicians note low toxicity, as observed for insomnia in 25% of patients, for anxiety in 22% of patients, for constipation in 25% of patients, for diarrhea in 21% of patients, and for myalgia in 20% of patients. It was exceptional when clinicians rated symptom toxicity high when their patients rated it low, as observed for peripheral neuropathy in 11% of patients, for general pain and hot flashes in 8% of patients, and for fatigue in 7% of patients.

We investigated patient-reported scores for “interference with what you usually like to do” and found them to be substantially lower than patient-reported symptom severity. We also compared patient-reported interference with clinician toxicity scores to see whether this comparison yielded greater congruence, but it did not. In our final analysis of the data, we found that patient characteristics were by and large not associated with patient-clinician disagreement on severity scores. However, we did find that clinician underestimation of certain symptoms was greater in nonwhite patients than white patients. This finding warrants further research but also reflects the larger literature documenting racial disparities in patient-provider communication<sup>30-33</sup> as well as racial differences in symptom management experiences.<sup>34</sup>

We note that patients completed their form before seeing their oncologist. Clinicians completed their form after the visit but not always immediately after

seeing the patient. It is possible that a substantial time lag (which we did not measure) between seeing the patient and completing the form may have affected a clinician’s recall of the patient’s symptom severity. We also did not gather data on whether the clinician form was completed by an MD, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant and, therefore, did not analyze potential differences among clinicians.

Patient-centered care, which is crucial to high-quality health care,<sup>35</sup> requires the inclusion of the patient’s assessment of treatment toxicity. It is important to understand when and how patient and clinician perspectives diverge and for which symptoms and patient characteristics they diverge. Our study points to the potential for racial disparities in symptom assessment by clinicians. The moderate or lower  $\kappa$  agreement across all 17 symptoms suggests challenges in effective patient-clinician communication about symptom experience across domains of symptom clusters (eg, psychoneurological, gastrointestinal, and hormonal).<sup>36</sup> Disagreement in scores tends to be at the high symptom severity end of the spectrum, with clinicians underestimating severity. Continuous symptom monitoring from both patients and clinicians, from before chemotherapy (to establish the patient’s baseline)<sup>7</sup> through the end of chemotherapy, provides an opportunity for early intervention for symptoms for which there are pharmaceutical remedies (eg, anxiety, depression, and insomnia) or nonpharmacological remedies (eg, moderate exercise to mitigate fatigue<sup>37,38</sup>).

There is growing evidence that patients are willing and able to complete PRO-CTCAE items during a treatment-related clinic visit and after treatment has been completed.<sup>39</sup> Using nurses and nurse navigators, clinics could consider developing processes to record and review patient-reported symptoms and consult with the oncologist for real-time interventions to reduce symptom severity. These processes would likely improve the likelihood of treatment completion, potentially improve patient quality of life during chemotherapy to the extent that toxicities are effectively managed, and enhance overall satisfaction with care.<sup>11,40</sup> Alternative payment models for oncology could facilitate the incorporation of patient-reported symptom assessment into quality metrics by providing reimbursement for these added responsibilities.

In conclusion, although clinician reporting of symptoms is common practice in oncology, there is sub-optimal agreement with the gold standard of patient self-reporting, particularly for nonwhite patients. These data provide further evidence supporting the integration



of patient-reported outcomes into cancer research and clinical practice to improve symptom monitoring and guide timely interventions. This, in turn, would enable the timely identification of symptoms for which there are evidence-based interventions. Our findings support attention to patient-clinician interactions that are patient-centered and focus on quality of life as well as effective symptom management with particular attention paid to cultural sensitivity.<sup>32,41</sup> Further research is needed to explore approaches to encouraging and enabling patient-provider communication on symptom severity in ways that are actionable in real-world clinical practice.

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