



# Tonic Health + MedStar Health

## Creating a New Best Practice for Distress Screening

### Initiative

In 2012, the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) added distress screening to its accreditation standards for cancer programs

### Challenge

Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center under MedStar Health, needed to comply with the 3.2: Psychosocial Distress Screening Standard implemented. They were using paper and knew they needed a way to better engage patients to deliver better outcomes

### Solution

The Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center looked to Tonic Health to enable a transition from paper to an integrated and automated digital screening process

### Tonic's Patient Screening helped to:



Decrease paper usage and frustration



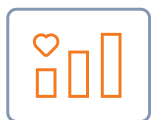
Eliminate manual entry and administrative inefficiencies



Enable clinical decision making in real time



Provide automated scoring, reporting, and patient trends



Increase patient engagement



Integrate results seamlessly in to the EMR



*Tonic has supported meeting the needs of our patients by facilitating the digital administration of our distress tool. It is automated and easy to use for patients plus it helps to aggregate results for us to review at a high level. It also helps us determine barriers to cancer care much easier and gives us the specific breakdown we'd like.*

Linda Rogers, VP Oncology, MedStar



## Tonic's Patient Screening Solution empowered MedStar to:



Streamline the clinical team's ability to conduct timely interventions consistent with the screening policy and high standards of care



Easily access patient reported data in order to track performance and outcomes, aid in program development and document compliance



Deliver real-time provider alerts to ensure the best patient care, safety and outcomes



*Keys to Lombardi's successful implementation of the Distress Screen with Tonic has been the ability to receive alerts to our pagers and emails in real time, coupled with the integration into our EMR.*

Joanne Assarsson, clinical social worker, MedStar Health

### National recognition

The Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center has been leveraging Tonic for screening distress since its initial launch in 2012. In April 2018 the long-term success was recognized during a CoC survey. The physician surveyor highlighted the success of Lombardi's screening tool and the process itself. The CoC is now considering recommending it as the best practice nationally

To discuss how you can easily and cost-effectively automate and integrate your screening process, reach out to the Tonic Health team at [info@tonicforhealth.com](mailto:info@tonicforhealth.com)



### About Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center

Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, a part of MedStar Georgetown University Medical Center, is located in Washington, D.C. Established in 1970, it began as a small clinic treating cancer patients and has now grown into a state-of-the-art cancer center housing more than 240,000 square feet of clinic and research space