

Introduction

- Graphic medicine merges the principles of medicine and visual arts to create graphic narratives
- Explores abstract aspects of the patient experience: communication, emotion, and self-identity
- This project will expand the current literature using an evidence-based approach
- Second installment in a series of pamphlets that explore oncology topics through the lens of our main character, Fran.



Image 1. Cover art for Coping with Cancer pamphlet, the first in Fran's series.

Methods

Interview patients at gynecologic cancer support group

Pamphlet design and ongoing revisions with patients

Translate pamphlet and survey into Vietnamese and Spanish

Distribute pamphlets to four clinical sites

Patient feedback and data collection

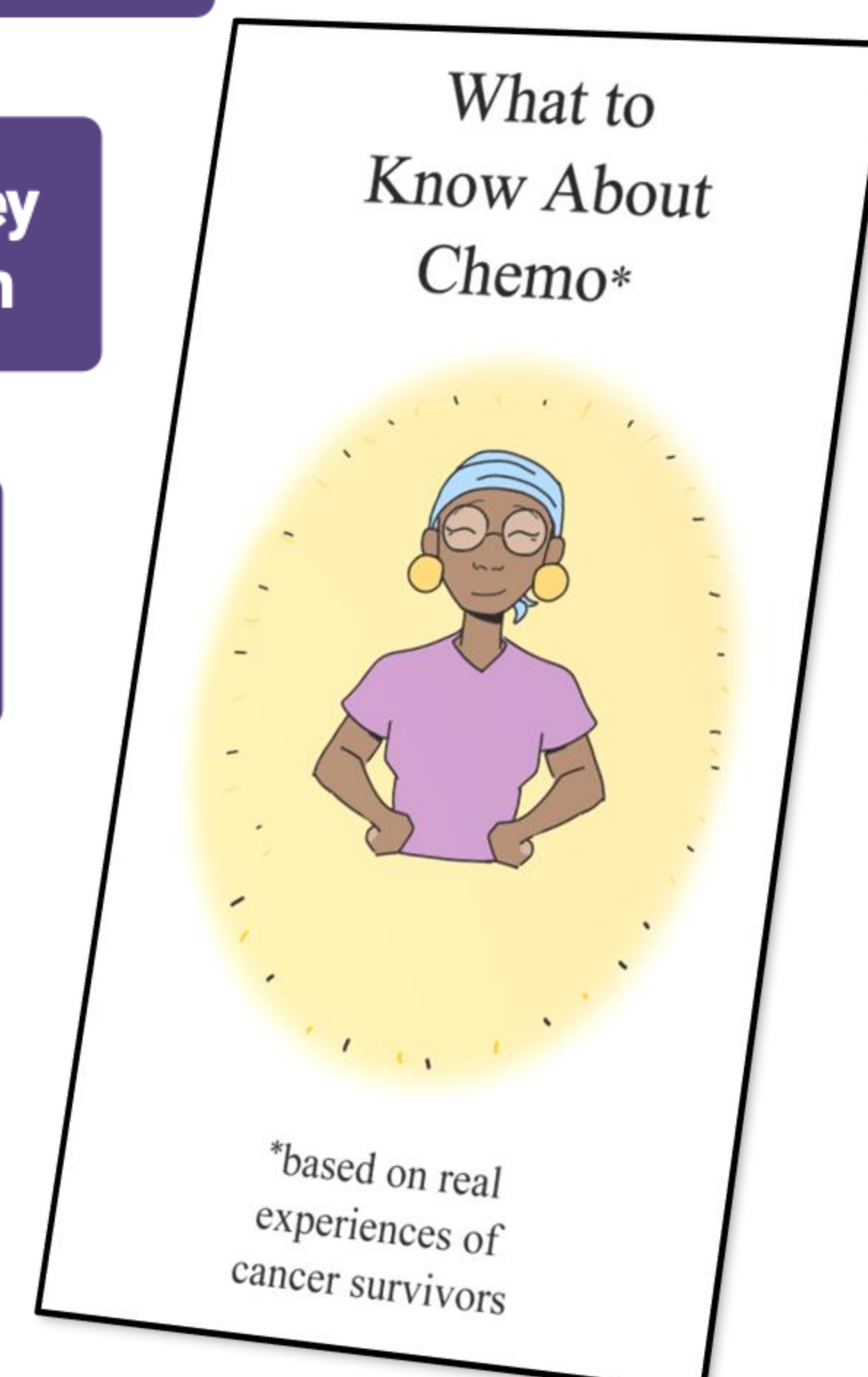


Image 2. Cover art for What to Know About Chemo pamphlet.

Figure 1. Project design: the five-phase design prioritizes the perspectives and needs of patients to ensure the narrative is authentic and relevant to the community it serves.

Results

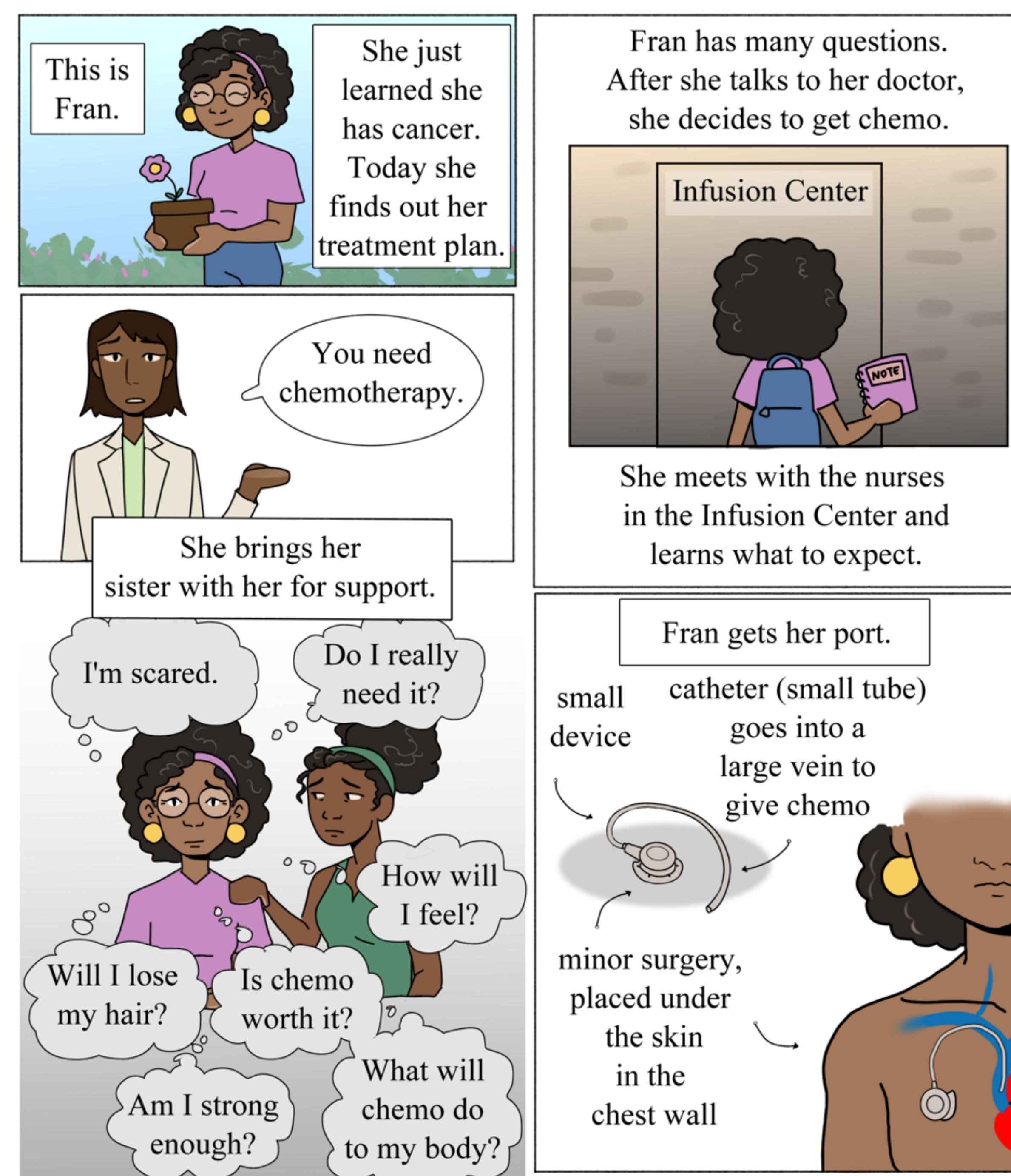


Image 3. Example panels from pamphlet.

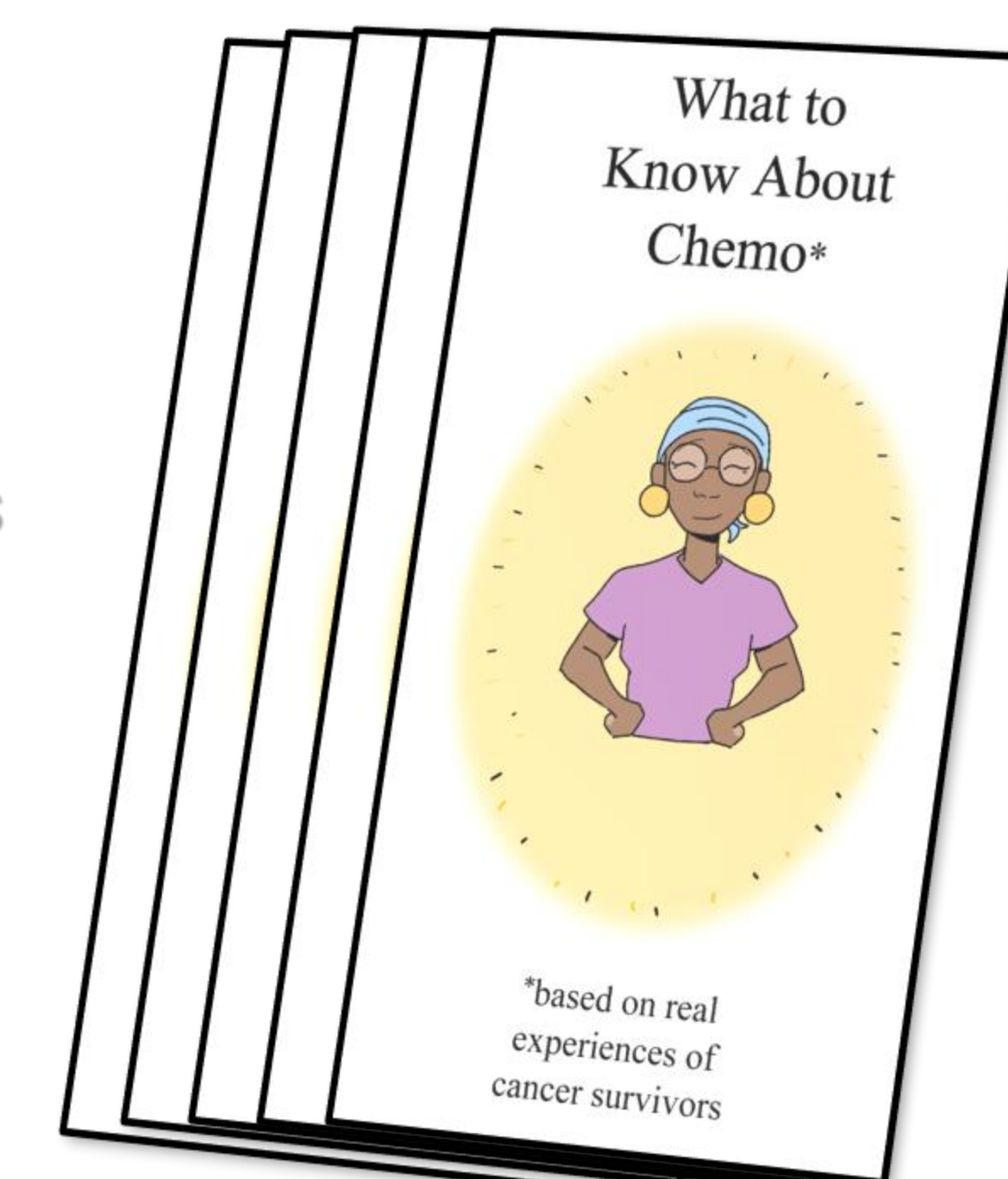
What's in the pamphlet?

Medical education	Practical guidance	Psychosocial support
- Diagram of port - Adverse effects - Transfusion center layout - When to seek medical attention	- Importance of nurse-led education (chemo school) - Helpful items to bring to chemotherapy - Coping mechanisms	- Importance of communication and asking for support - Coping with hair loss - Reinforcement that every person is different

Figure 2. Pamphlet content.

Future Directions

- Pamphlet distribution, survey administration, and survey collection
- Working to have Spanish and Vietnamese-speakers in clinics to increase responses in these groups
- Future pamphlet directions based on patient responses—continuing Fran's story
- Statistical analysis to determine efficacy of intervention



Beyond this Study

- Related project that will assess chemotherapy knowledge in Gynecologic oncology patients versus controls
- Will empirically assess educational value of *What to Know About Chemo* pamphlet
- Investigate how patients are learning about chemotherapy and what modalities are most useful

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