

ONC8018 - Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 2 (20 Credits) - O only

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Aims and Objectives

This 20 credit clinical module represents a considerable body of work and study. However, on completion of this module, you will have gained a wide comprehensive knowledge base for oncology practice.

Interactive exercises, multiple choice and best of five questions and clinical scenarios should help give you the analytical and problem-solving skills to make use of this knowledge in a clinical setting, be that in hospital, the community, public health or industry.

In some ways, the aims and objectives of this module are very simple. It is to become familiar and understand the knowledge base, which is required for working in oncology, and to be able to use that knowledge base in your own clinical working environment for the benefit of the patient, and to enhance your own skills and capabilities.

At the end of the module, you should know how particular tumours present and the most appropriate management plan for each. You will be able to critically appraise the relative importance of surgery radiotherapy and chemotherapy in the management of these specific tumours at various sites, and recognise the morbidities and changes in quality of life that such treatments make. You will be aware of the prognosis of each tumour type and stage, and you should be able to discuss factors affecting prognosis with your patient in a sensitive and informative manner, aiding their treatment choices.

Learning Outcomes:

- To inform with regard to the presentation, diagnosis and relevant up-to-date management of cancer in the clinical setting
- To be able to critically evaluate the diagnostic process and surgical or non-surgical treatments available for the management of cancer at a particular site
- To enable the awareness of the need for management schemes to be patient-centred, holistic and patient-friendly
- To introduce to the student the changes occurring to the patient and their family, carers or supporters at each stage of the patient journey
- To demonstrate that, at times, there is not an obvious correct course of action to be taken and that cancer management may be a process of balancing the potential benefit against potential risk to the patient
- To equip you with both the knowledge base and the analytical skills to be able to make beneficial decisions on cancer management on behalf of their own patients
- To enable you to be able to discuss this information and the therapeutic choices available openly and rationally with their patients, enabling the patients to make a more fully informed treatment decision
- To raise awareness of when active treatment is not in the patient's best interest and where full supportive care or palliative intervention is appropriate
- To facilitate the critical interpretation of online resources in relation to oncology

- To enable you to enter into further professional development, when the modules are completed, using the knowledge and skills they have gained on this course
- To encourage you, the students to be the future active participants in an oncology, "community of practice".

Assessment Method:

There are several formative assessments during the module. There are two summative assessments in the form of: Several best of five questions and 1 essay.