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Provide ongoing care and support to individuals during anti-cancer therapy



Overview

This standard is about providing ongoing care and support to individuals during their anti-cancer therapy treatment cycles.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 accurately identify the patient and confirm that consent is still valid
- P2 review the patient's history since their last attendance
- P3 assess the patient's psychological and emotional state and respond appropriately to appropriate agencies and personnel
- P4 ensure that the patient and/or carers understand the treatment and potential side effects and their management including actions required in an emergency situation and accurately answer any questions at a level and pace that is appropriate to:
 - P4.1 their level of understanding
 - P4.2 their culture and background
 - P4.3 their preferred ways of communicating
 - P4.4 their needs
- P5 confirm the details of the next appointment and any prior investigations or tests with the patient and/or carer, if appropriate
- P6 provide information on how to obtain help at any time
- P7 ensure the patient and/or carer has all medication to take home and understands how to handle, take, store and dispose of them safely
- P8 record the details of the treatment in the patient's notes, prescription and patient held records, as appropriate, according to local guidelines
- P9 communicate with appropriate professional colleagues as required by local guidelines
- P10 recognise when you need help and/or advice and seek this as appropriate

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 national, regional and local guidelines for:
 - K1.1 anti-cancer therapy, the selection of appropriate treatment and intended outcomes
 - K1.2 consent to anti-cancer therapy, including clinical trials
 - K1.3 the safe handling, storage and administration of anti-cancer therapy drugs
 - K1.4 medicines management
- K2 national guidelines for the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) including spillage and their application in anti-cancer therapy
- K3 local guidelines for :
 - K3.1 infection control and their application in anti-cancer therapy for the appropriate regimen
 - K3.2 waste and sharps handling and disposal
 - K3.3 patient records, their storage and confidentiality of information
 - K3.4 risk management and adverse incidents
- K4 the symptoms associated with malignant disease and its progression
- K5 the medical terminology relevant to the treatment
- K6 the signs and symptoms of the patient's physical and emotional status
- K7 the psycho-sexual and body image issues associated with anti-cancer therapy
- K8 the range of information which should be made available to the patient and/or carer that is appropriate to their personal requirements
- K9 the treatment of malignant disease
- K10 the mode of action, the side effects of anti-cancer therapy, how to recognise them and the appropriate treatment regimens
- K11 the roles and responsibilities of other team members, associated professionals and agencies in relation to providing ongoing care and support to individuals during anti-cancer therapy
- K12 the limits of one's own knowledge and experience and the importance of not operating beyond these
- K13 the importance of clear communication

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Additional Information

Links to other NOS

There are additional NOS on the Skills for Health website relating to Assessing an individual for anti-cancer therapy, Administering anti-cancer therapy and Prescribing anti-cancer therapy.

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments

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