Medical Career Pathways with Bendigo Health

Medical Oncology

The medical oncology unit is based in the Bendigo Cancer Centre. The cancer centre contains a day oncology unit, clinical trials unit, radiation oncology department, clinical trials unit and is also the office location for the regional integrated cancer services.

The unit functions as a day-stay unit providing chemotherapy, radiotherapy, hormonal therapy, targeted biological therapies and symptom management for medical oncology, radiation oncology and haematology patients across the region, in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

Medical Oncology has an active inpatient presence in the hospital with patients cared for on medical and surgical wards (under a medical oncology bed card). The Radiation oncology department is also located in the cancer centre and is part of Peter MacCallum network.

Patient care is provided by a multidisciplinary team, which is consisting of:

- Medical: Medical oncologists, palliative care physicians, haematologists, medical oncology registrar, inpatient ward registrar, HMO, intern and other specialty services. Radiation oncologists and radiation oncology registrars are employed by Peter MacCallum.
- Nursing: Nurse practitioner, Clinical nurse specialists, experienced oncology nurses who are specialized in chemotherapy administration and management, breast care nurse, district nurses.
- Allied health: Dietician, social workers
- Clinical trials unit: Manager, nursing staff
- Genetics: nurse (local), with other support provided through Peter MacCallum network
- Pharmacy: Specialist pharmacist, Pharmacists

From the cancer centre, patients are admitted:

- Electively
    - E.g., for post chemotherapy monitoring and management
    - For a defined period of treatment (e.g., radiotherapy)

- Non-electively
    - Requiring inpatient management post clinic assessment
    - Requiring inpatient management post elective chemotherapy booking.

Clinical trials are undertaken in the unit and are supported by clinical trial coordinators. Clinical trials provide an opportunity to test new drugs, new combination of drugs and methods of administration.

Positions available

- **1 Accredited registrar positions** – college appointed during advanced physician training
- **1 Clinical Trials Research Fellow** - directly recruited by Bendigo Health
- **1 General Medicine registrar (Ward registrar)** - on rotation from Austin Health
- **1 Haematology Registrar –** on rotation from Peter Mac
- **1 HMO position** –recruited through PMCV match process
- **1 Intern position** – PMCV Intern match

Teaching opportunities

- Multidisciplinary meetings – Bendigo Health has the following multidisciplinary meetings – Thoracic, Head and Neck, Breast and Colorectal, Haematology, Urology
- Unit Radiology Meeting – fortnightly
- Oncology Grand Rounds – weekly
- Journal Club – monthly
- Palliative Care meeting – weekly
- Protected Intern teaching - weekly
- HMO education - weekly
- Resident and Registrar tutorials (allocated internally)
- Internal and External opportunities are advertised on our intranet and all doctors have access to this

Training pathway

Career Progression at Bendigo Health can include internship, PGY2/3 and registrar positions that will assist in meeting the criteria for college training. College training is completed through metropolitan hospitals with rotation to Bendigo Health.

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