

# Radiation oncology nursing knowledge and skills learning pathway

## Patient management

### Developing

### Consolidating

### Competent

#### Knowledge

**3.1** Requires assistance to identify the role, responsibilities and tasks required by each member of the radiation oncology team in patient management.

**3.1** Requires minimal assistance to identify the role, responsibilities and tasks required by each member of the radiation oncology team in patient management.

**3.1** Independently identifies the role, responsibilities and tasks required by each member of the radiation oncology team in patient management.

**3.2** Identifies some of the key elements of a radiation therapy care plan.  
Including:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential treatment related side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and treatment related side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.2** Identifies most of the key elements of a radiation therapy care plan.  
Including:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential treatment related side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and treatment related side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.2** Independently describes the key elements of a radiation therapy care plan.  
Including:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential treatment related side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and treatment related side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.3** Requires assistance to identify resources, procedures and policies which provide information relating to Treatment related side effect management.

**3.3** Requires minimal assistance to identify resources, procedures and policies which provide information relating to Treatment related side effect management.

**3.3** Independently identifies resources, procedures and policies which provide information relating to treatment related side effect management.

**3.4** Requires assistance to identify appropriate treatment related side effect management strategies.

**3.4** Outlines some appropriate treatment related side effect management strategies.

**3.4** Comprehensively describes appropriate treatment related side effect management strategies.

**3.5** Requires assistance to identify appropriate referral pathways and supportive services. Includes preliminary consideration of post-treatment care.

**3.5** Requires minimal assistance to identify appropriate referral pathways and supportive services. Includes some consideration of post-treatment care.

**3.5** Independently identifies appropriate referral pathways and supportive services. Considers post-treatment care.

**3.6** Requires assistance to identify where escalation of care is required.

**3.6** Requires some assistance to identify where escalation of care is required.

**3.6** Independently identifies where care escalation is required.

**3.7** Requires minimal assistance to identify local requirements for documenting care plan, management procedures, referrals and escalation plan.

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**3.7** Independently outlines local requirements for documenting care plan, management procedures, referrals and escalation plan.

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#### Skills

**3.1** Requires assistance to practice within professional boundaries, organisational role descriptions and standards of care.

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**3.1** Practices within professional boundaries, organisational role descriptions and standards of care.

**3.2** Requires assistance to formulate appropriate nursing care plan recommendations. Preliminary consideration of:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.2** Requires minimal assistance to formulate appropriate nursing care plan recommendations. Evidence of consideration of:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.2** Independently formulates appropriate nursing care plan recommendations. Incorporates:

- treatment site
- treatment intent
- treatment dose
- potential side effects
- symptoms management goals
- symptom and side effect escalation plan
- post treatment care

**3.3** Requires assistance to access and follow relevant policies and procedures.

**3.3** Requires minimal assistance to access and follow relevant policies and procedures.

**3.3** Independently accesses and follows relevant policies and procedures.

**3.4** Requires assistance to select and perform appropriate side effect management procedures. Preliminary consideration of:

- side effect grade/severity
- patient distress associated with side effect
- individual patient needs and co-morbidities

**3.4** Requires some assistance to select and perform appropriate side effect management procedures. Some consideration of:

- side effect grade/severity
- patient distress associated with side effect
- individual patient needs and co-morbidities

**3.4** Independently selects and accurately performs appropriate treatment related side effect management procedures. Considers:

- side effect grade/severity
- patient distress associated with treatment related side effect
- individual patient needs and co-morbidities

**3.5** Requires assistance to identify appropriate referral pathways and supportive services. Includes preliminary consideration of post-treatment care.

**3.5** Requires some assistance to make appropriate referrals. Some consideration of post treatment care.

**3.5** Independently makes appropriate referrals. Considers post treatment care.

**3.6** Requires assistance to identify where escalation of care is required. Requires full assistance to respond appropriately.

**3.6** Requires some assistance to identify where escalation of care is required. Consults policies and procedures to respond appropriately.

**3.6** Independently identifies where care escalation is required and responds appropriately.

**3.7** Requires assistance to document care plan, management procedures, referrals and escalation plan according to local requirements.

**3.7** Requires some assistance to document care plan, management procedures, referrals and escalation plan according to local requirements.

**3.7** Independently and accurately documents care plan, management procedures, referrals and escalation plan according to local requirements.