

Specialist Haematology Pathway

Student Handbook



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Placement Information

Name:

Date of Allocation:

The Haematology Team.

Doctors

Consultant Haematologists:

Dr Emma Welch
Dr Katherine Lam

Dr Rowena Faulkner
Dr Richard Went

Dr Jenny Tam
Dr Mai Khalifa

Associate Specialist:

Dr Anna Elliott

Advanced Clinical Practitioner

Matthew Smith

Nursing

Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist:

Angela Gascoigne

Clinical Nurse Specialists:

Tracey Small

Gemma Whitehead

Haematology Support Workers:

Rebecca Chadwick Lisa Lowton

Pharmacists

Rebecca Clark
Beth Dias
Ibrahim Al-Modaris
Julie Whitehead
Charlotte Hoult
Neeta Gogna

Role of the Haematology Nurse Specialist

At Diagnosis:

- To be present at breaking of bad news / significant information with both in and out patients
- Ensure patients understand diagnosis, providing verbal and written information where appropriate
- Provide emotional support to both patient and family, and ensure all care and support is available.
- To be the patients nominated Key Worker and assist in co-ordinating the treatment pathway
- Act as patient advocate and ensure treatment plans take into account the patient's individual needs and wishes.
- To initiate any immediate help e.g. finances, Macmillan Grants, community support, referrals to specialists.
- Perform bone marrow biopsies in a nurse-led list.

Involvement throughout illness:

- Provide a point of contact by telephone or face to face for ongoing support.
- To continue to act as patients key worker.
- Ensure information needs are addressed throughout.
- Provide ongoing support for patient loved ones.
- Ensure appropriate referrals are made, as a patient needs change.
- Regularly assess patients in outpatient follow up clinics.
- Review and monitor patients condition if admitted to hospital as part of the acute oncology service.

The haematology nurse specialist is responsible for both outpatient and inpatient patient needs. It is important to keep up to date with the latest research, maintain adequate documentation of patient involvement in medical records and fulfil the requirements set by peer review as well as national government targets.

Types of blood disorders

Leukaemia

- Acute myeloid leukaemia
- Chronic myeloid leukaemia
- Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

Lymphoma

- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Hodgkin lymphoma

Myeloma

Myelodysplasia (MDS)

Myeloproliferative neoplasms

- Essential thrombocytosis (ET)
- Polycythaemia rubra vera (PRV)
- Myelofibrosis (MF)

Non malignant disorders

- Idiopathic Thrombocytopaenia Purpura (ITP)
- Haemochromatosis
- Aplastic anaemia
- Auto immune haemolytic anaemia

Student Feedback Sheet

We hope you have found this handbook useful during your pathway placement. We would really appreciate your feedback and ask if you could fill out this form and return it to your pathway supervisor. This will allow us to further improve our teaching and learning resources.

Many thanks in advance!

Did you find this handbook useful? Is there anything you think could improve it?

Which visit/days did you find most useful and why?

Which visits did you find least useful and why? Are there any areas you think would have been useful to visit?

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about this placement?