

The Role of the Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialist.

- To provide specialist knowledge, expertise and care to haemato-oncology patients.
- To ensure continual optimal care for inpatients, outpatients and their families.
- To assess, plan, implement and evaluate all aspect of the patient's physical, psychological, and social needs, including HNA tool completion.
- Provide support to patients and their families during their diagnosis, ensuring that they have information to help them make informed decisions regarding their treatment.
- Holistically support patients and their families during and after their stem cell transplant, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- Monitor patients on an ongoing basis, to evaluate outcomes and adjust nursing care practice to ensure optimum co-ordination and delivery of care.
- To participate on daily rounds on haemato-oncology patients throughout the Clinic
- To keep accurate, legible records and be aware of legal implications of these documents.
- To liaise closely with patients' primary health care teams and review all referrals in collaboration with the haematology Consultants.
- To participate in Multidisciplinary meetings and act as patients' advocate in their absence, using knowledge and skills to co-ordinate continuity of care.
- To monitor and ensure the maintenance of adequate and effective discharge planning for patients with complex haematology care needs who are returning into community care.
- Participate in family meetings and provide support as appropriate.
- Promote multidisciplinary and partnership working in conjunction with the ward-based teams, community teams, patients and their carers.
- To develop care pathways appropriate to the haemato-oncology patients' needs
- To provide leadership in clinical practise and act as a resource and a role model for specialist practice.