

# The Role of the Uro-Oncology CNS in Central MDT

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# Role of Central MDT Meeting

- To co-ordinate and plan care for cancer patients throughout the whole of their care pathway
- To ensure an accurate diagnosis is agreed and appropriate treatment pathway is planned
- NICE recommend that people with cancer should be managed by a multi-disciplinary team

# Key Members of Uro-Oncology Central MDT

- Urological Surgeon
- Radiologist
- Pathologist
- Oncologist
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- MDT co-ordinator
- Junior members of medical team
- Research Nurse

# Role of the CNS

- Key Worker
- Main point of contact for cancer patients and their families
- To provide person-centred co-ordinated care
- To act as the patient's advocate
- To provide information regarding cancer and it's treatment
- To sign-post to other care providers
- Key link with other healthcare professionals
- Most patient contact
- To provide physical and emotional support
- To share knowledge and experience

# Role of the CNS Prior to Central MDT Discussion

- To gather and collate information prior to discussion
- To liaise with tertiary hospital CNS's
- To liaise with MDT co-ordinator to ensure timely and appropriate discussion
- To inform patients of planned discussion
- To support and advise the MDT co-ordinator

# Role of the CNS During Central MDT Discussion

- Advocate for patients in a medical-dominated meeting
- To present information to ensure patient-centred decision-making
- Record outcomes
- To request clarification if anything is unclear
- Identifying patients for research studies

# Role of the CNS Post Central MDT Discussion

- To communicate MDT recommendations to patients, GP's and clinical teams within agreed time-frames
- Liaise with admin and clerical teams to ensure appropriate and timely follow-up booked
- To track the patients through the system to ensure we achieve cancer waiting targets



# Our Aims

What the people we serve want



The results of the National Cancer Patient Satisfaction Survey states  
*“On every question, patients who had contact with a CNS were more positive than those that did not; and the difference between these two groups were in most cases large”*

DoH 2010

# Conclusion

- Nurses focus on patient-related factors and therefore their presence in MDT is crucial to ensure a patient-centred decision-making process
- The loss of patient-centred information has a detrimental effect on the quality of clinical decisions made in MDT meetings
- Nurses have skills in gathering information about issues that are important to patients
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