



Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Education Newsheet - July 2009

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Education events for this month from the Cancer Centre Education Group

Professional Development
Junior Doctor Oncology Teaching

Guest Speaker
Mandatory Training

Departmental Meeting
Palliative Care Education

July	Topic	Venue		Comment
2 nd & 3 rd	TIPS Teaching 2 day course	Lecture Hall MSC	09.00 – 16.30	Book Via Anni Hall
7 th	Clinical – Infection Control	Lecture Hall MSC	14.00 – 15.00	Book Via Anni Hall
	Mentorship Meeting	Meeting Room MSC	14.15 – 15.15	Just Turn Up
8 th	Audit Process & Training	Lecture Hall MSC	10.00 – 14.30	Book Via Anni Hall
	Oncology/Palliative Care Development	Meeting Room MSC	14.15 – 15.00	Just Turn Up
9 th	Research Awareness	Lecture Hall MSC	14.15 – 15.00	Just Turn Up
10 th	Junior Dr's Communication Skills	Meeting Room MSC	10.15 – 12.30	Book Via Dr Anyamene
13 th	Clinical - Basic Life Support	Lecture Hall MSC	09.30 – 12.30	Book via Education Team
14 th	Cancer Centre Visit	Meeting Room MSC	10.00 – 12.00	Book Via Anni Hall
	An Introduction to Syringe Drivers	Meeting Room MSC	14.00 – 15.30	Book Via Anni Hall
15 th	Clinical Support Worker in Palliative Care	Lecture Hall MSC	10.00 – 16.00	Book Via Anni Hall
	Chemo Update	Resource Room 10 & 11	14.00 – 15.00	Just Turn Up
17 th	Developing Mangers in Practice	Meeting Room MSC	14.00 – 15.30	Book Via Anni Hall
21 st	Moving & Handling - Clinical	Lecture Hall MSC	09.00 – 12.30	Book Via Education Team
	Oncology/Palliative Care Development	Meeting Room MSC	14.15 – 15.00	Just Turn Up
22 nd	Volunteer Training	Lecture Hall MSC	10.00 – 12.00	Book Via Anni Hall
28 th	Health & Safety Training	Lecture Hall MSC	08.45 – 10.45	Book Via Education Team
	Fire Training	Lecture Hall MSC	11.00 – 12.30	Book Via Education Team
31 st	Clinical Cases	Lecture Hall MSC	13.00 – 14.00	Just Turn Up

DON'T FORGET:

Farewell Lunch for Chris How

Thursday July 9th

12 – 2pm

Just Turn Up

Meeting Room Michael Sobell Centre

To add your education event to this newsheet, please contact EXT 4567 with your name, dept, ext no and teaching topic, speaker, target audience and preferred date & venue choice

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MALNUTRITION UNIVERSAL SCREENING TOOL (MUST)

FOR CHEMOTHERAPY OUTPATIENTS

Carolyn Street - Dietitian

Early intervention is the key in the management of nutritional issues in patients with cancer. The recognition of malnutrition is possible through routine nutritional screening. This aims to identify quickly individuals that are 'at risk' of malnutrition.

Various screening questionnaires have been used in cancer settings to identify patients who are at greatest risk of developing nutritional problems. Currently at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre there is:

- A nutritional screening tool on the ward at admission
- Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool (MUST) in Head and Neck outpatients clinics

There had been no nutritional screening for chemotherapy outpatients and although patients were referred, it was thought that a screening tool would provide a standard referral process for health care professionals, to reach patients most 'at risk' of malnutrition.

MUST, is a screening tool which involves looking at a patients Body Mass Index (BMI), Percentage Weight loss and current nutritional intake.

The assessment provides a score and subsequent referral guidelines for the dietitian.

On the 8th June, following training of all health care professionals in the chemotherapy suite and outpatients, MUST screening was implemented.

All outpatients attending Mount Vernon Cancer Centre for chemotherapy consultations are now screened using MUST and re-screened at each cycle of chemotherapy and referred to the dietitian where necessary.



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