

# CANCER CENTRE EDUCATION NEWSHEET

May 2007

Welcome to the April education newsheet. Please find below all the education events for this month and overleaf information about useful cancer and palliative care website.

The Cancer Centre Education Group

**Nurse Led**

**Guest Speaker**

**Departmental Meeting**

**Junior Doctor Oncology Teaching**

**Palliative Care Education**

Date	Topic	Venue	Comment
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cannulation Training – Mandatory	MSC Meeting Room – 9.30 – 13.00	Book via Anni Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oncology Nurse Development Programme – Breast Cancer	Marie Curie Lecture Room – 14.15 – 15.00	All Welcome
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Infection Control Meeting	Marie Curie Ward Day Room – 2.30 – 3.30	Esther Burden – Team Leader
4 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Training	MSC Lecture Hall – 10.00 – 12.00	Book via Joanne Edwards
8 – 11th	Nurses Week – Poster display	MSC Lecture Hall	Just Turn up
8 <sup>th</sup>	Difficult Conversations – Difficult Questions	MSC Lecture Hall – 10.00 – 16.00	Book via Anni Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Conversations in Palliative Care	MSC Seminar Room – 14.00 – 15.00	No need to book
9 <sup>th</sup>	Syringe Driver Training 1	MSC Lecture Hall – 10.00 – 12.30	Book via Anni Hall
9 <sup>th</sup>	Syringe Driver Training 2	MSC Lecture Hall – 13.15 0 15.00	Book via Anni Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nexavar – Update / Uses for renal cell Ca	Chemo Suite Coffee Room – 12.30 – 13.00, 13.00 – 13.30	Melissa Hough, Bayer Health Care. Lunch Provided
15 <sup>th</sup>	Applied Therapeutics for Palliative Care Medicine	MSC Lecture Hall - 9.30 – 16.30	Book via Anni Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cancer Centre Visit	MSC Meeting Room – 10.00 – 1.00pm	Book via Anni Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Action Learning Set Group 2	MSC Meeting Room – 14.15 – 15.15	Sarah Russell
17 <sup>th</sup>	Oncology Nurse Development Programme – Radiotherapy	Marie Curie Lecture Room – 14.15 – 15.00	All Welcome
17 <sup>th</sup>	Essential Symptom Management Day	MSC Lecture Hall – 10.00 – 16.00	Book via Anni Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Clinical Cases in Palliative Care - Cases from Complementary Therapy in the Context of Palliative Care	MSC Lecture Hall - 1.00 – 2.00pm	All Welcome Lunch Provided
21 <sup>st</sup>	Pegfilgrastim – Uses / new data	Chemo Suite Coffee Room – 12.30 – 13.30	Melinda Jones, Amgen Ltd Lunch Provided
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Conversations in Palliative Care	MSC Seminar Room – 14.00 – 15.00	No need to book
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Breaking Bad News	MSC Lecture Hall – 10.00 13.00	Book via Anni Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Education Meeting	MSC Meeting Room – 13.15 – 14.30	Sarah Russell
25 <sup>th</sup>	Action Learning Set Group 3	MSC Meeting Room – 14.15 – 15.15	Liz Carruthers
31 <sup>st</sup>	Oncology Nurse Development Programme – Male Cancers	Marie Curie Lecture Room – 14.15 – 15.00	

Dates for your Diary – For more information about these events, contact Anni Hall, ext 4177

Teenagers and Young People Day - 3rd May	Patient Information Day - 11th June
Palliative Care Away Day - 16th May	LCP/GSF Workshop - 13th June
CNS Forum - 24th May & 11th October 2007	Clinical Supervision - 21st June
Chemotherapy Study Day – 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Radiotherapy Study Day – 6 <sup>th</sup> July

To add your education event to this diary, please contact Lorraine O'Connell on EXT 4669 with your name, designation, dept, ext no, date, teaching topic & speaker, target audience and preferred date & venue choice

PLEASE TURN OVER

Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> combined edition of the Monthly Cancer and Palliative Care Education Newsheet from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and Michael Sobell House.

## CANCER & PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION NEWSHEET FROM MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE AND MICHAEL SOBELL HOUSE

**NHS**  
National Patient Safety Agency

**Patient safety alert** 19

Promoting safer measurement and administration of liquid medicines via oral and other enteral routes



The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) recently advised healthcare organisations on how the design of medical devices and the methods used to measure and administer oral liquid medications can improve patient safety. A national review from January 2005 to May 2006 showed 33 patient safety incidents involving intravenous administration of oral liquid medications. The NPSA have recommended 3 key action points:

### 1. Design, supply and use of oral/enteral syringes

- only use labelled oral/enteral syringes that cannot be connected to intravenous catheters or ports to measure and administer oral liquid medicines;
- do not use intravenous syringes to measure and administer oral liquid medicines;
- make sure stocks of oral/enteral syringes are available in all clinical areas that may need to measure and administer oral liquid medicines in a syringe;
- when patients or carers need to administer oral liquid medicines with a syringe, supply them with oral or enteral syringes.

### Have you been to the Library recently ?

Why not visit the Les Cannon Memorial Library – situated opposite the main entrance for all your book loans, reference facilities, internet access, literature searching and interlibrary loans

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### 1. Design, supply and use of enteral feeding systems

- Enteral feeding systems should not contain ports that can be connected to intravenous syringes or that have end connectors that can be connected to intravenous or other parenteral lines;
- Enteral feeding systems should be labelled to indicate the route of administration;
- Three-way taps and syringe tip adaptors should not be used in enteral feeding systems because connection design safeguards can be bypassed.

### 3. Organisational procedures, training and audit

- Medicines and enteral feeding policies and procedures should identify and manage the risk of administering oral liquid medicines by the wrong route;
- These procedures should be part of the organisation's training and competency assessment programmes;
- Annual medicines management audits should include a review of the measurement and administration of oral liquid medicines to ensure compliance with local policies and procedures.

### At Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and Michael Sobell House

- The Pharmacy department can routinely dispense oral syringes for all TTAs and outpatient prescriptions where patients need to take specific volumes of liquid medicines e.g. 1.25ml, 4.5ml and supply medicine spoons for doses of 5-20ml.
- The Supplies department can supply oral (by Baxa) in a variety of sizes; 1ml, 3ml, 5ml, 10ml & 20ml

For further information on this safety alert go to

[www.mshouse.co.uk](http://www.mshouse.co.uk) education section or

the NPSA website [www.info.doh.gov.uk/sar2/cmopatie.nsf](http://www.info.doh.gov.uk/sar2/cmopatie.nsf)

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Thank you.

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