

Systemic Therapy Programme Newsletter

NCCP Chemotherapy Protocols

NCCP develops Chemotherapy Protocols to support safe, evidence-based and cost-effective cancer treatment for all cancer patients in Ireland, in line with the requirements of the 2006 National Cancer Strategy.

The protocols are collaboratively developed according to the process described in Figure 1 and reviewed at a minimum every two years. They will be the basis of the protocol library which will underpin the Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS).

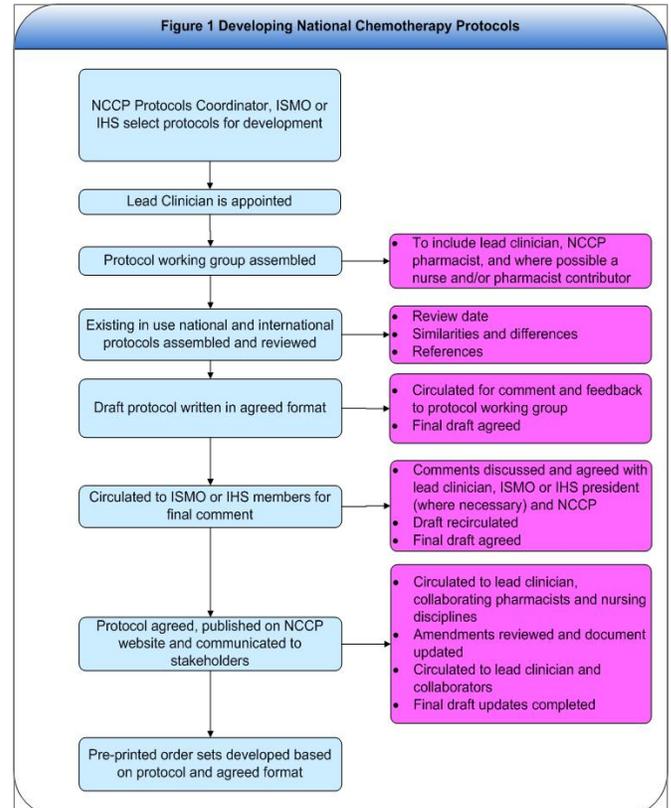
The NCCP welcomes comments and feedback on the published protocols as well as the submission of local hospital-approved protocols for addition to the national protocol. The submission process is outlined below.

Submission of Protocols

Providers of systemic chemotherapy services may submit protocols for consideration for inclusion as NCCP approved protocols which will be available for national use on the NCCP website. The key steps in the protocol submission process are as follows:

1. Protocol request is made by completing the NCCP protocol template form, which is available from oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie
2. The completed form should be emailed to oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie
3. The email should also contain the following:
 - The clinical evidence / reference(s) to support the protocol being submitted
 - The name and contact details of the Consultant proposing the new protocol
 - A contact number in the event of queries

The protocol will be reviewed by the NCCP under the guidance of the NCCP Clinical Leads to determine the suitability of the protocol and whether further development is required.



Aims of NCCP Chemotherapy Treatment Protocols

- Improve the quality of clinical care.
- Promote safe, evidence-based and cost-effective management of cancer in the Irish public health service.
- Provide evidence-based information to support health professionals in the delivery of cancer treatments.
- Demonstrate multidisciplinary participation and collaboration across relevant oncology and haematology specialties and healthcare disciplines through their development in a multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary evidence-based manner under the guidance of a Consultant Oncologist or Haematologist.
- Be a building block for the development of e-prescribing and the Medical Oncology Clinical Information System.
- Ensure equity of access for patients to the best available care through the relevant reimbursement scheme.

Where to find NCCP Protocols

A list of all approved protocols can be found on the NCCP website at: <http://hse.ie/nccpchemoprotocols>

In Brief

Telephone triage working group established

The NCCP has established a working group to develop a national telephone triage guidance document. This follows from Recommendation 65 of the NCCP Oncology Medication and Safety review.

A national telephone triage guidance document will improve patient safety by ensuring that patients receive a robust reliable assessment when they contact oncology/haematology departments for advice. The finalised triage form may be embedded in the MOCIS.

Guidance on Intrathecal Chemotherapy & Neurotoxins published

The NCCP has published its "Guidance on the safe use of intrathecal chemotherapy" and "Guidance on the safe use of Neurotoxic drugs (including Vinca Alkaloids)". Guidance has also been published on the assessment of competence for the provision of intrathecal chemotherapy and criteria for acting as an assessor of competence. The guidance documents were developed by a Project Board, in response to Recommendation 71 of the Oncology Medication Safety Review. The documents are available at www.hse.ie/nccponcsafetyreview

National Medical Oncology Haemato-oncology Meeting 2016

The third annual national medical oncology and haemato-oncology meeting will take place on Friday, January 29th 2016 at Farmleigh House. Items for discussion at the meeting include the Medical Oncology Clinical Information System, oral chemotherapy, the Cancer Strategy 2016 and oncology services in the hospital groups. Information on the meeting will be available on the NCCP website at www.hse.ie/nccponcmeeting

Feedback

We welcome your feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions please forward to oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

MOCIS Tender Published

Further to the previous newsletter in Oct 2015, the Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS) project is currently underway in the NCCP and the tender for procurement was recently published on eTenders. The purpose of the MOCIS is to deliver an Electronic Patient Record (EPR) for systemic cancer services in medical oncology and haemato-oncology. Liaison contact people have been identified by all 25 hospitals involved in the project. Work is underway to identify requirements for standardisation of documentation and processes for the system. This work will be progressed by working groups with representation from the hospitals. This process will establish what documentation needs to be accommodated within the MOCIS and ensure that it is adaptable across all sites. The introduction of the MOCIS will allow easier multidisciplinary team access to patient disease and treatment information.

Pharmacist Competency Document Published

The NCCP has published a National Competency Framework for Pharmacists Working in Cancer Care.

The competency framework was developed in conjunction with colleagues from the Irish Institute of Pharmacy, the Irish Pharmacy Union, hospital oncology pharmacy and community pharmacy. It is hoped that this framework will inform the development and provision of training for pharmacists working in cancer care. In addition, it will improve the quality of care and improve outcomes for cancer patients by illustrating the behaviours, skills and knowledge pharmacists require for working in cancer care.

The document is accessible on www.hse.ie/nccppharmcompetencies



New Drugs Funded

Enzalutamide (Xtandi®)	January 2016
Lenvatinib (LENVIMA®)	January 2016
Trastuzumab Emtansine (Kadcyla®)	August 2015

For full list of funded drugs please visit the NCCP website at <http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/medonc/cdmp/new.html>

Don't forget to submit claims for Reimbursement of ODMS Drugs within one month of administration to patients

NCCP Website

The NCCP has its own site within the HSE website, where you can access information on Medical Oncology and Haemato-Oncology Programmes, drug protocols, cancer drug management programme, in addition to clinical practice guidelines, GP resources, nurse training programmes, and patient information leaflets and booklets. Please visit us on www.hse.ie/cancer

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