

Systemic Therapy Programme Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Systemic Therapy Programme Newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to



keep health professionals up to date on the work of the NCCP in relation to its Systemic Therapy Programme which was inaugurated in late 2012. The Programme has already achieved some major goals with the completion of the NCCP Oncology Medication Safety Review, implementation of money follows the patient, funding for new drugs and achieving approval for a Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS) for all 26 hospitals.

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Dose banding project

The NCCP are currently undertaking a dose banding project. If you are interested in participating or submitting proposals please contact: oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

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 in Farmleigh House.

The meeting provides an opportunity for consultants, nurses and pharmacists to learn more about the work of the NCCP's Systemic Therapy Programme and to discuss topics that are of relevance to them. Registration for the meeting will open in November 2015.

Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS)

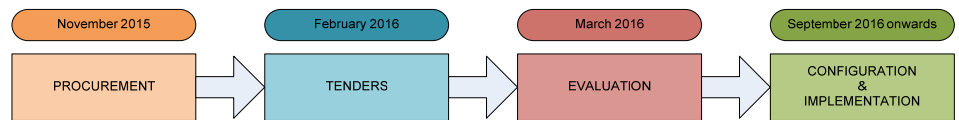
The NCCP submitted a project mandate to HSE ICT in July 2013 for the purpose of developing a business case for a Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS) to deliver an Electronic Patient Record (EPR) for systemic cancer services in medical oncology and haemato-oncology. Approval in principle to proceed was granted by the Government Chief Information Officer in March 2015.

A multidisciplinary steering group was set up under the sponsorship of the Director of the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), the HSE Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Director of Acute Hospitals. The Project Steering Group oversees a number of sub-groups that manage each stage of the project. The introduction of the MOCIS will allow for improvements in patient

safety, efficiency, data collection for clinical audit and service planning, financial management and financial audit, and reimbursement. An estimated timeline for the project is shown below. Working groups are being established to standardise workflows. *If you are interested in participating on the working groups please contact:*

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ESTIMATED MOCIS TIMELINE (Procurement to Implementation)



Systemic Therapy Model of Care

The NCCP has established a Systemic Therapy Model of Care Steering Group to develop a model of care to enhance the organisation of chemotherapy services across the country with the ultimate aim of improving access to timely, high-quality systemic treatment that is safe for both patients and providers, as close to home as possible and within an appropriate amount of time. Membership of the group includes representatives from ISMO, IHS, HAI, IANO, ICORG, HPAI, DOH, as well as patient representation. The first meeting took place in September. We will keep you updated on its progress and outputs.

If you have any suggestions on the topic please forward to oncologydrugs@cancercontrol.ie

Upcoming NCCP events

- National Symptomatic Breast Disease Audit, Quality and Risk Forum - Friday 16th October 2015, RCSI, Dublin.
- National Prostate Cancer Quality & Audit Forum - Friday 6th November 2015, Farmleigh House, Dublin.
- Inaugural National Gynaecological Oncology Audit, Quality and Risk Forum - Friday 4th December 2015, Farmleigh House, Dublin.

In Brief

Haematology EAG

In late 2014, the NCCP established an Expert Advisory Group on Haemato-oncology. The purpose of the group is to advise the NCCP on specific areas such as cytogenetics, MDTs and alignment of services for haematological malignancies.

The membership of the group includes representation from haematologists in a wide range of centres across the country and with a diversity of sub-specialty interests.

The Group is chaired by Dr. Mary Hynes, Deputy Director of the NCCP.

Competency document for pharmacists

A National Competency Framework for Pharmacists working in Cancer Care is due to be published shortly. The Framework document was drafted by the NCCP in conjunction with colleagues from the Irish Institute of Pharmacy, the Irish Pharmacy Union, hospital and community pharmacists. This National Competency framework hopes to 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.

Feedback

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

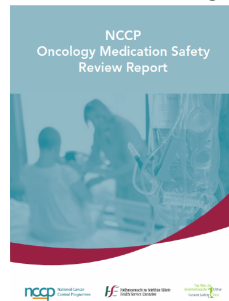
NCCP Oncology Medication Safety Review Implementation updates

In 2014 the NCCP Oncology Medication and Safety Review was published. The Review was conducted across the 26 hospitals in Ireland involved in the administration of systemic cancer therapy in adults and children.

The aim of the review was to assess the oncology medication policies and practices in day units

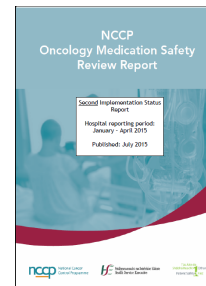
nationally, from a patient safety and quality perspective. Arising out of this review, 93 recommendations were proposed for action to inform local and national policies and practice relating to the safety and quality of systemic cancer therapy services.

To date 65% of the recommendations have been implemented nationally. The NCCP has car-



Click on link below for report:

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/medonc/safetyreview/oncreview.pdf>



ried out a series of follow up teleconference meetings with each of the hospitals to assess the implementation process and to offer support as required.

Click on link below for NCCP Oncology Medication Safety Review 2nd Implementation Status Report:

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/medonc/safetyreview/oncsafetysecondimplreport.pdf>

Chemotherapy Protocols

The National Cancer Control Programme develops chemotherapy protocols to support safe, evidence-based and cost-effective cancer treatment for all Irish cancer patients. These protocols are developed under the guidance of medical consultants involved in the treatment of patients with cancer, with input from nursing staff, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. The format and content of the protocols are reviewed and updated on a periodic basis.

A list of all approved protocols can be found on our website at: <http://hse.ie/portal/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/chemoprotocols/>

New Drugs Funded

Trastuzumab Emtansine (Kadcyla®)	Aug. 2015
Pixantrone (Pixuvri®)	Aug. 2015
Siltuximab (Sylvant®)	Aug. 2015
Obinutuzumab (Gazyvaro®)	Aug. 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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