

Clinical Oncology 24/11/22

1. Starts 9am and ends at 5pm. Generally going home on time isn't a problem.
2. There are 4 SPRS and 1 ACP for oncology and they take turns every week for ward rounds. The On-Call consultant changes every week on rotation.
3. Ward rounds start at 9am generally. Prepare the blue sheets prior to ward rounds if you can, if not do it on the go. Generally I tend to do it the day before if I have the time and keep them in the SPR's/ACP office as there are quite a few parts that take some time to fill up. Ward rounds usually finish by 12-1pm.
4. Handover sheets are usually emailed after 5pm for the next day. Print 2-3 copies in the morning prior to ward rounds for the consultant, SPR/ACP and yourself. Usually there's only 3 of you for ward rounds. The way the rota works is that there is usually either the F1 or F2 on the ward, but rarely both. Most days you are the only junior on the ward. If both F1 and F2 are on the ward, during ward rounds one of you can do the jobs while the other focuses on the ward rounds to save time.
5. Patient load is generally 10-12 patients. The ones in blue on the WebV board are oncology patients. In red are haematology patients.
6. The nurses on Waddington are great, they usually can do most of the blood taking, cannulas ect on their own.
7. If you are unsure about prescribing, always ask the pharmacists on the ward (usually there's 2). If you know that your patient is getting discharged, give them a heads up so they can order the medications. If a CD is involved, just print it out early and give it to them even if the EDD is not complete yet.
8. Fast Track discharges just means the patient is going home with a CD1 form and anticipatory drugs. fill out the yellow CD1 form to go with the patient home and fill up a new drug card if necessary. The nurses will let you know if you need to do a fresh drug card for them. Generally patients with fast-track discharges would go home with the 4 anticipatory drugs on the CD1 form.
9. Oncology EDDs can take some time do to as they can be pretty lengthy due to long stays in the ward. Prep them in advance if you have the time. Some patients are only in for the week while some can be there up to 1-2 months.
10. At the end of the day, review the blood sciences on WebV. Remember to always check the baseline before you bring up any abnormalities with your SPR/ACP as oncology patients tend to have abnormal blood sciences as their baseline in the first place. Ask the SPR/ACP whose bloods need ordering for the next day. Print out the blood cards and put them on black toaster divider thingy behind the ward counter. Plebs or nurses will try to do them for you in the morning.
11. Always check with your SPR/ACP if you want to stop a medication for a patient or start a new one.
12. Everyone on Waddington Unit is super nice and supportive. Enjoy your time working there.