



MEDICINE 5475 - Clinical Clerkship

Three Required Clinical Encounter Assignments:

1. Shadowing a Health Care Professional – two encounters and two essays
2. **Clinical Oncology Encounter – two encounters and two worksheets**
3. End-of-Life Care Encounter – one encounter and one worksheet

Clinical Oncology Encounter. Regardless of which specialty you will eventually choose, you will encounter patients with cancer. The goal of this clinical encounter is to ensure that the fundamental aspects of clinical oncology are a component of your clinical clerkship experience, even if you do not complete a selective in radiation/medical oncology at the London Regional Cancer Program. The clinical oncology encounters can be documented during your rotation through any part of your clerkship where an in-depth review of the patient can be completed, including (but not limited to) Gynecology-Oncology, Hematology-Oncology, Surgery, Medicine, and/or Pediatric Oncology.

- Goals:
 1. Learn about the presenting manifestations of cancer, and the initial steps leading to diagnosis.
 2. Learn about baseline assessment for decision-making around cancer treatment.
 3. Become familiar with common treatment modalities, potential emergencies and complications, and common side effects.
 4. Develop an awareness of some of the existential issues surrounding living with a life-threatening illness, and skills in communication of prognosis.
- Objectives:
 1. List three presenting symptoms and three signs which were associated with a cancer diagnosis in a specific patient.
 2. Describe tissue diagnostic, staging, and grading investigations in a newly diagnosed cancer patient.
 3. Assess the ECOG performance status of two patients with cancer.
 4. Outline key elements of a witnessed discussion where a new cancer diagnosis and/or a prognosis were communicated to a patient.
 5. Document treatment modalities involved in a cancer patient presenting with a treatment complication, and the intervention(s) required.
- **Required Assignment:**
 1. Complete two [Clinical Oncology worksheets](#). Note that some information from the past can be gathered from the patient's chart (*for example, "presenting symptoms" in the case of a patient now admitted to your Medicine service with mucositis from radiation treatment*)
 - a) Curative-intent patient



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- b) Palliative-intent patient
- 2. Review the worksheet with your senior resident or consultant. This can be the consultant or resident of the service you are on, or an oncology resident or oncologist, and have them co-sign your worksheet and orange book.
- 3. Log the two encounters into One45 as having been completed.