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“A great example of AHP leadership as they engaged with teams in an inclusive way and looked at the whole patient journey.”

Non-medical prescribing in radiotherapy

Tracey Ellis (consultant practitioner radiographer) and Rachel Shaw (advanced therapy radiographer), Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

What did the project involve?

The team has introduced supplementary radiography non medical prescribing, and a system whereby cancer patients are reviewed by a specialist radiographer in a dedicated review clinic. Patients are now reviewed weekly, or more frequently if necessary, with an approach that will also take into account their psychosocial needs, thus providing a patient-centred, holistic consultation.

How does it improve patient care?

The implementation of non-medical prescribers has revolutionised patient care through better and more efficient access to medicines and has ultimately enhanced the delivery of radiation therapy service to patients. In addition, as advanced radiographers it has allowed the efficient use of their expertise and clinical skills to improve the patient experience. They are able to recognise how their newly developed skills and prescribing abilities have enhanced team working and improved communication.

Patients can now receive the right level of care, at the right time, at the right place. Patients no longer incur significant delays in receiving the care and medication that they require, as they can immediately be given a prescription.

Shared learning

The introduction of radiographer independent prescribing can be developed across the profession, ultimately reducing the need for extensive time consuming patient group directions, and increasing patient throughput within the department. The model of prescribing within the oncology unit can be adapted and shared with other radiotherapy departments to highlight the benefits to patient care.

Find out more

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FINALISTS



Rosalyn Thomas (Swansea deputy head of podiatry) and Claire Topliss (consultant orthopaedic surgeon), Abertawe BroMorganwg University Health Board

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Corrie Gracey (band 7 physiotherapist) and Claire Creaney (band 6 physiotherapist), Southern Health and Social Care Trust

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