

Position Description: Registered Nurse – Cancer Care

Business area: Cancer Care Centre

FTE: As per Conditions of Employment

Reports to: Clinical Nurse team leader

Position Objective:

- To be professionally accountable for quality nursing management of patients.
- To facilitate the functioning of an environment conducive to patient and staff safety and well being.
- To support the business objectives of the organisation.

Functional Relationships:

Internal:	External:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Nurse Team leader • Oncologists • Radiation Therapists • Director of Nursing • Nursing Coordinators • Patient Care Manger • Nurse Educators • Infection Control Nurse • Other Nursing Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other St George's staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinicians • Allied Health Professionals • Patients and Support persons



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Key Areas of Accountability:

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Professional Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides nursing care in accordance with Nursing Council requirements and within the professional boundaries stipulated in the Code of Conduct. • Takes responsibility for maintaining skills, knowledge and competencies as per hospital policies and procedures. • Provides, facilitates, advocates and evaluates nursing care that is evidence-based and is responsive to patient needs. • Maintains clear and accurate records ensuring compliance with the documentation requirements of the organisation. • Ensures appropriate communication of patient health assessment information. • Respects privacy, confidentiality of patients, staff and consultants. • Uses Information Technology as required with relevant training (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook and the relevant Patient Management Systems). • Promotes the profession of nursing and presents a positive professional image. • Establishes and maintains a therapeutic relationship with patients / family / whanau / caregivers and relevant others. • Completes assessment and/or treatment requirements with patients / family / whanau / caregivers or authorized representative for patients receiving both chemotherapy and radiotherapy. • Ensures safe and effective planning of care occurs in partnership with the patient / family / whanau. • Provides telephone support and/or advice for patients in relation to current oncology condition/treatment protocols, including referral back to GP or community based nurses. • Encourages patient autonomy, self-determination and management. • Appropriately adapts and modifies patient care based on evaluation(s) / outcomes and information • Administers and monitors prescribed medications according to policies, protocols and procedures • Administers chemotherapy under guidelines of chemotherapy certification. • Maintains certification in chemotherapy and advanced IV management. •
Interpersonal Relationships/Leadership and Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains approachability and an open, effective communication style. • Models St George's Cancer Care Centre vision, values and goals. • Respects lines of authority and uses proper channels of communication. • Is open and receptive to feedback. • Establishes collaborative networks across teams for mutual benefit. • Collaborates with peers to achieve strategic goals. • Reinforces patient/client focus through education, practice, policies and/or procedures. • Recognises individual efforts in excellent patient/client focus. • Responds to the changing needs of patients/client groups and appropriately plans education and practice development initiatives to meet service need. • Empowers others to take action to resolve patient/client issues promptly • Creates a culture of patient/client focus through person-centered care. • Expresses information effectively, both orally and in writing, adjusts language and style to the recipients and considers their frame of reference.
Quality Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates actively in quality improvement activities by planning, implementing and evaluating improvements. • Initiates, participates in design and evaluates audits and applies outcomes to improve service provision.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates actively in Ministry of Health Certification and Accreditation process. • Documents and reports incidents accurately in accordance with hospital policy. Participates actively in the development/review of policies and procedures.
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains and continuously updates professional portfolio. • Maintains own professional development and mandatory updates. • Undertakes responsibility for meeting all the mandatory requirements of the professional body and the organisation . • Identifies own learning requirements/deficits and develops a plan in conjunction with line manager. • Demonstrates and facilitates contemporary knowledge and skills. • Understands and adheres to all legislative requirements and follows St George's Hospital policies and procedures. • Participates in an annual performance appraisal and the setting of performance objectives aligned to the goals of the organisation. • Identifies own learning requirements/deficits and discusses development plan with Manager. • Attends CPR updates and familiarises self with emergency equipment. • Attends relevant study days and in-service education. • Fosters an environment conducive to learning, enquiry and research. • Participates in approved research programmes as requested.
Organisational Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fosters co-operation across the organisation. • Is customer focused, understands and promotes the concept of internal and external customers (i.e. patients, colleagues and clinicians). • Maintains confidentiality in respect to St George's operations, business, employees, clients and patients. • Adheres to St George's policies and procedures.
Cultural understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands and has knowledge of the Treaty of Waitangi and implications for clinical practice. • Collaborates with colleagues regarding the integration of the Treaty principles of partnership, protection and participation in practice, guiding and providing resources to foster understanding. • Displays cultural sensitivity and a willingness to work positively with organisational strategies to improve outcomes for Maori. • Promotes an awareness of cultural differences amongst staff and patients (e.g. beliefs, gender, sexual orientation or disability) and the impact that beliefs and values have on practice.
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures accidents and untoward incidents occurring in the department are reported. • Takes reasonable care for personal health and safety. • Takes reasonable care that own acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons. • Complies, as far as is reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction that is given to allow St George's to comply with the Health and Safety at work Act 2015 • Co-operates with any reasonable policy or procedure relating to health or safety at the workplace that has been notified to workers. • Ensures compliance with hospital security requirements and is vigilant in all matters of security. • Recognises safety hazards and initiates appropriate corrective actions.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attends fire and evacuation lectures and participates in drills as required.• Participates in Health and Safety training as mandated by St George's from time to time.
Other Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertakes other duties as requested from time to time• Performs such duties in a timely, accurate manner and in accordance with St George's Hospital policies and procedures.



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Qualifications, Experience and Personal Qualities

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	•	•
Experience & Knowledge	•	•
Personal Attributes	•	

Agreed by:

Signed: _____
Employee

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Hospital Manager

Date: _____