

Acute

Oncology

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The Current Acute Oncology Team does not function as an MDT. The AOT do not discuss individual patients. The team meet once every 6 months to discuss the role of the AOS team and the policies and processes involved. The team consists of the Acute Oncology lead, Lead Cancer Nurse, Chemotherapy Nurse, Haematology Representative, ED Consultant and Palliative Care Consultant.



Acute Oncology Triage

A service run by the chemotherapy unit where patients are triaged by the Chemotherapy team using the UKONS tool and

discussed with the Oncology Registrar of the day. If suitable the patient will be booked in and reviewed in a specific Acute Oncology Clinic which runs daily in the chemotherapy Unit.

*EDUCATION: Peninsular AO Nurses meet quarterly—
Agreed education for Nurses to use UKONS / Macmillan AOS
Learn zone, F2 Education day annually in Cancer Care.*

Acute Oncology is in its early stages in North Devon but has made significant development since its introduction in 2011



Future of AOS in North Devon



- Acute Oncology Nurse working 8-6 Monday to Friday
- Consultant visit to MAU on Monday Mornings
- Stronger links with GP's to allow direct GP referral to AOS clinics
- Education for all

What we have now.....

- 24 hr Advice service from visiting consultants
- Lead Clinician for AOS
- Daily Acute Oncology Review Clinic in Chemo Unit
- Acute Oncology Triage tool in use
- Cancer Flagging system with Daily emails
- Acute oncology clinical Pathways
- Neutropenic Sepsis Pathway in ED
- Clinical Pathways
- Asset Accumulation
- Education Planning
- Forecasting