The role of the Metastatic Breast cancer nurse specialist

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Outline

Background to the case for this post
The first three months – raising awareness of the service
The first three months – identifying the patient caseload
The first six months – implementing the service
The second six months – The secondary breast cancer pledge
The second year – Service improvement goals
The third year
Background to the case for this post

- Unmet need
- Data collection
- Breast cancer care taskforce (2008)
The first three months - Raising awareness of the service

- Meeting patients – giving CNS contact details and information
- Liaising with teams involved in patient care of the patients
- Community palliative care team teaching
- Visit hospice and lymphoedema teams
- Hospital newsletter/local radio
- Patients’ support group
The first three months - Identifying the patient caseload

- Attending clinics and ward visits
- Patients registered/not registered on data base
- Screening oncology clinics
- Registering patients
- Adding ‘new’ patients to the MDT
- Attending the MDT
- Working closely with the acute oncology, hospital palliative care and clinical trials teams
The first six months – implementing the service

- Telephone support for patients
- Holistic needs assessments
- Signposting to other services
- Avoiding emergency admissions
The second six months - Implementing the secondary breast cancer pledge

- Working with Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now
- Patient and staff survey
- Patient focus group
- Patient representatives
The second year – Service improvement goals

• Reduce the heavy workload of the CNS
• Successful bid to Macmillan for Specialist Nurse to work with CNS
• Telephone drug monitoring clinics
• Holistic Needs Assessment clinics
• Nurse led drug monitoring clinic
The third year

- Non-medical prescriber
- Support for junior doctors
- Reviews patients in consultants’ clinics and on the ward
- NHS England funding for a cancer support worker
- Recruited specialist nurse for secondary breast cancer
Any questions?