



Chapter XIV

Medical & Radiation Oncology (MRO)



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Scoring:

Standard		FM (3)	PM (2)	MM (1)	NM (0)	NA
MRO.1.	The department head is an Oncologist.					
MRO.2.	The nurse manager is a registered nurse with training in Oncology.					
MRO.3.	Staff that work in the department are professionally trained in their fields.					
MRO.4.	The Radiation oncology unit is staffed with the following appropriate personnel:					
	MRO.4.1 Medical Physicist.					
	MRO.4.2 Dosimeters.					
	MRO.4.3 Radiation therapist.					
	MRO.4.4 Mould room technician.					
	MRO.4.5 Radiation officer.					
MRO.5.	The Radiation Oncology unit has a written safety plan which includes:					
	MRO.5.1 Periodic inspection, maintenance and calibration of the linear accelerator and other radiation equipment.					
	MRO.5.2 Guidelines on how to inspect and monitor the medical equipment.					
	MRO.5.3 Management of nuclear material used for therapeutic and diagnostic purposes, especially in regard to its handling, storing, and transportation.					
	MRO.5.4 Monitoring of the treatment with I^{131} for radiation exposure in the vicinity.					
MRO.6.	There are nursing policies and procedures that guide the care of Oncology patients that includes the following but is not limited to:					



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MRO.6.1 Chemotherapy medications, administration, side effects, teaching, safety precautions.					
MRO.6.2 Radiation therapy and safety precautions.					
MRO.7. Nurses working in the Medical and Radiation Oncology unit receive continuous education and training with competency assessment (e.g. written test, return demonstration, etc.) that include but are not limited to:					
MRO.7.1 Central line management.					
MRO.7.2 Venous Access Device (VAD or Portacath) management.					
MRO.7.3 Tracheostomy care and management.					
MRO.7.4 Chest tube management.					
MRO.7.5 Advanced medication administration, including inotropes, chemotherapy.					
MRO.7.6 Line management, including extravasations.					
MRO.7.7 Infection control, including hazardous material and blood spill.					
MRO.8. There is written criteria for patient admission to, and discharge from an oncology unit prepared jointly by the medical and nursing staff.					
MRO.9. A copy of radiation manual therapy is available to staff					
MRO.10. A multidisciplinary committee, including the nurse manager for the unit and nursing educator, oversees and guides the ongoing administrative and clinical functions of the area.					
MRO.10.1 The committee meets at least four times a year.					
MRO.10.2 The committee assists in developing, reviewing, and revising policies and procedures for the provision of patient care.					



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	MRO.10.3 The committee ensures enforcement of these policies.					
	MRO.10.4 The committee chairperson or oncologist director of this committee signs off, in addition to nursing, on any policies and/or procedures that have any direct or indirect involvement of physician role.					
MRO.11.	A crash cart is available in the vicinity.					