

*Pharmaceutical Care of  
Patients with Cancer.*

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# Pharmaceutical Care

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- Pharmacists must abandon factionalism and adopt patient-centered pharmaceutical care as their philosophy of practice

**Hepler and Strand 1990**

# Pharmacy Roles

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- Medicines Management
- Risk Management/ Patient Safety
- Appropriate Prescribing
- Improve Access to Treatment
- Improve Patient experience

# Specific Roles in Chemotherapy Clinics

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- Taking Consent
- Prescribing Chemotherapy
- Pharmaceutical Interventions
- Toxicity Monitoring
- Prescribing Support therapies
- Follow up appointments

# Clinics

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- Pre chemotherapy assessment
- Consent clinic
- Breast
- Colo-rectal
- upper GI
- CNS
- Prostate
- Haematology

# Issues

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- Making good use of Pharmacists time and skills
- Level of clinical assessment skills
- Access to outpatient facilities
- Managing expectations
- Multidisciplinary working

# Support for Extended roles in Oncology Pharmacy

- Faculty of Cancer Pharmacy
- Joint venture between College of Pharmacy Practice and BOPA
- Accreditation of teaching materials and Events
- Agreed to adopt GLF & ACLF competencies as route to full/advanced membership

# BOPA

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- **Development of a strategy for the pharmaceutical care of patients with cancer**

Working with key partners in all healthcare sectors

Provide leadership and support

Improve pharmaceutical care for all patients

# Pharmacy input at all points of the patient journey

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- Prevention
- Early Detection
- Supportive Care
- Improving access to anti cancer treatments
- Palliative Care

# Broad Principles

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- Risk Assessment
- Standards for Clinical Checking
- Education
- Communication
- Access to relevant patient data

# Summary

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- Clear Remit
- Good support from Consultant/medical team
- Examination skills
- Secretarial and Nurse Support
- Clear treatment plan/pathway for patient
- Access to pathology/radiology reports

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