St James's Hospital Foundation

Oncology Clinical Trials Nurse- CNM1

The clinical trials nurse will be employed by St James's Hospital Foundation and will work within a research team consisting of Investigators, Clinical Trials Manager, Research Nurses, Pharmacists and Data Managers. The clinical trials nurse will report to the Clinical Trials Manager/Director of the Unit and will be responsible to the relevant Investigators as delegated. The primary function is to screen/enrol and follow-up patients using approved clinical trial protocols.

Requirements

- Registered General Nurse with The Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), or eligible to register with NMBI.
- 3 years post-registration experience in the acute hospital setting within the last 5 years

Key duties and responsibilities

Clinical Focus:

- This role will be team-based working as part of a multi-disciplinary team, delivering high quality nursing care to patients who are participating in cancer clinical trials.
- The post holder will work alongside the Principal Investigator, Research nurses, Data Managers and other clinical trial staff members
- To manage a personal caseload of patients participating in various cancer clinical trials
- To screen, enroll and follow-up patients using agreed clinical trial protocols and in accordance with Good Clinical Practice
- To provide education and support for patients who are participating in research trials so that they have an understanding of the treatment and the benefits/risks, allowing them to make an informed decision about their care
- To assist patients in complying with the clinical trial protocol
- To ensure patient confidentiality and dignity is assured and maintained at all times during a clinical trial
- To ensure continuity of care by liaising with outside health care professionals, and those who are involved in clinical work
- Simple laboratory processing of blood samples including packaging of samples in preparation for transport
- To ensure that all work is undertaken in line with the research protocol, international research guidelines and is in compliance with the appropriate regulatory and ethics permissions

- To ensure that accurate documentation and record keeping is maintained to facilitate accurate data transcription into the Case Report Forms by the data management staff

- To participate in the set-up, initiation, monitoring visits, close-out visits and site audits in association with the data management staff

- To review proposed clinical trial protocols and provide input to site feasibility reports

- To attend team meetings to discuss clinical trial accrual and all trial related issues

- To carry out other duties as appropriate to the post as may be assigned from time to time

Education & Training

- To attend investigator meetings for new trials, as and when required

- To educate relevant staff members as to the responsibilities of the role and function of the clinical trials nurse and disseminate information on specific trials, as required

- To ensure that patients and staff have access to relevant education material

Quality assurance

- Ensure that accurate documentation and record keeping is maintained

Personal & professional development

- Willing to participate in training programmes within the clinical trials office.

- Interested in developing own skills, knowledge and understanding of the Haematology/Oncology service and the role of clinical trials within the service