PAEDS 721
Clinical Care of Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer

15 Points
Semester 1, 2018

Course Prescription
To develop and advance skills, knowledge and expertise in the clinical care of adolescents and young adults with cancer.

Goals of the Course
This is an applied clinical course for health professionals who care for adolescents and young adults with cancer.

Learning Outcomes
At the completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of common AYA cancers, including their epidemiology, treatments and survival outcomes.
- Apply an understanding of what distinguishes AYA cancer care from paediatric and adult cancer care.
- Develop AYA care plans demonstrating the application of an in-depth understanding of AYA management principles.

Content Outline
Day 1 Epidemiology and overview of AYA cancers and their management in NZ, Clinical trials, Impact of cancer and treatment on young people’s development and behaviour, Health literacy, Hospitalised AYA, Prevention and early detection.

Day 2 Late effects and survivorship. Palliative care and bereavement, Spirituality and psychological care.

Day 3 Fertility preservation and sexuality, Complimentary therapy, Caring for the carers, Role of peer support, AYA with cancer care plan, professional development and advocacy.

Day 4 Case Presentation Assessments

Learning and Teaching
PAEDS 721 is delivered in 3 one day block teaching sessions and one half-day for case presentations. These will involve different modes of teaching including didactic, small group, interactive workshop and role plays using adolescent actors.

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Campus Teaching Dates
This course is held at Tamaki Campus. The lecture dates will be available on the web site School of Population Health 2018 Timetable. Please see your timetable on SSO or Building 730 Reception noticeboard on the day for the room details.

Learning Resources
This is a multidisciplinary course covering a broad range of topics. There is no prescribed text but substantial readings will be provided in course material.

Assessment
100% course work
- Health Literacy Exercise – Critique from an AYA health literacy viewpoint a piece of written information routinely given out to patients. (30%)
- AYA Cancer Service Development Exercise – Complete a proposal to improve the service delivered to AYAs with cancer within your area of work. (30%)
- Case Presentation of an AYA patient detailing evidence of epidemiology, assessment, individualised care planning and evaluation/reflection of the care they received. (40%)

Programme and Course Advice
This is a post graduate clinical course that is suitable for Health Professionals working with young people with cancer in health or social services. This course requires that students have previously completed PAEDS 712 or are currently enrolled in PAEDS 712.

The students who wish to enrol in PAEDS 721 needs prior approval by course coordinator Heidi Watson.