

## **Section of Medical Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine**

The Section of Medical Oncology offers the opportunity for students to experience outpatient management and care of oncology patients. The student will take part in sub-specialty didactic rounds, small group session teaching provided by oncologists and oncology fellows, will have an opportunity to present a case and review the literature around a topic and experience varied tumour site clinics to enhance their learning about patients with malignant disease. Students will experience first hand the multidisciplinary decision making and collaboration in tumour disease site group meetings to enhance their knowledge of the evidence and art of treating very complex patients with malignant disease.

### **Goals and Objectives**

On completion of the elective, the student should be able to:

1. Develop a logical and scientific approach to staging and basic management of common malignant diseases.
2. Practice and develop skills of clinical examination and presentation (i.e. summary of history, physical examination with discussion of differential diagnosis and management).
3. Gain knowledge of the communication techniques required in sharing news with patients and their families with both curable and incurable malignant diseases.
4. Develop skills in working with other members of the multidisciplinary team and gain an understanding of the roles of the team members and expertise that they offer to patient care in oncology.

### **Clerkship Elective:**

1. Variable length of time from a minimum of two weeks to a maximum of four weeks.
2. Elective content consists of clinics at the St. Boniface and Health Sciences Centre CancerCare sites in solid tumour clinics, with educational opportunities provided through attendance at Tuesday noon rounds in Hematology and Medical Oncology, Disease site group rounds at least once weekly, Walk Rounds Fridays at noon at either site (telelinked) with small group teaching sessions Fridays at 1:30.

**Call Responsibility:** Call is NOT required

**Availability:** All year

### **Contact Person**

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