

Radiographers' perception on the provision of psychosocial support for cancer patients. A- General Information Q1.1 What is your gender? Male O Female O Prefer not to answer O Q1.2 What is your age? 23-29 30-39 40-49 50+ Q1.3 Do you have carer responsibilities in your personal life and if so what are they? Select all that apply. Yes, children under 18 years of age. Yes, an elderly family member or friend. Yes, a sick family member or friend. Yes, family member or friend that has a form of a disability. Yes, other, Please specify:\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) No Q1.4 How many years of experience do you have as a radiographer? ) less than 2 years ) 3−5 years >5 years but less than 10 years 10 years or more



Antiemetic/analgesics

## **B-** Perceptions and confidence

The study is focused on radiographer's perception on the provision of psychosocial suppor
and their confidence in the advice that they provide for patients experiencing psychosocial
issues.

ssues.						
Q2.1 In your opinion what role should radiographers have in identifying patients and their families that need psychosocial support?						
Q2.2 In your opinion, what role should radiographers have in psychosocial care for radiation therapy patients and their families?						
Q2.3 How do you identify a patient having psychosocial issues?	? (You can choose more than one					
Through communication with the patient						
Through observation of non-verbals						
<ul><li>Patient assessment</li><li>Other; please specify</li></ul>						
Other, please specify						
Q2.4 Please identify your confidence level in providing advice in the following support care issues with your patients, using the scale 1 =not confident at all,3= Neutral and 5 =very confident.						
Physical concerns related to treatment	12345					
Potential of chronic side effects related to treatment	12345					
Physical concerns related to patient's disease	12345					
Concurrent treatment management	12345					
Financial concerns	12345					
Family dynamics and issues	1235					
Emotional Concerns	1235					
Mental Health issues	1235					
Body Image	1235					
piritual/religious concerns 1—2—3—4—5						
Savual concerns	12215					



Nutrition				1—2	345			
Transportation			1—2—3—4—5					
Social isolation				1—2	2-3-4-5			
Relationship issu	ies			1—2	<del>34</del> 5			
Q2.5 How important do you believe the provision of supportive care is for your practice as a radiographer?  O Very Important O Important O Moderately Important O Slightly Important O Not Important							ortant	
Q2.6 How ofter the patients du	•		nversations r	related to psych	osocial healt	h with		
O Never O	Rarely (l	ess than 5 ti	mes a year)	Sometimes	about 5 tim	nes a month	) O Ver	ry often
(about 2 times	a week)	Always (	everyday or	almost everyda	y)			
Q2.7 Do you th	ink that if	the patient	has unmet p	sychosocial nee	eds it affects	the treatme	nt?	
O Strongly di	sagree 🤇	) Disagree(	O Neither a	gree or disagre	e 🔾 Agree	Strongly	y agree	
Q2.8 Do you think that psychosocial discussions with the patients are important as discussing radiation induced side effects?								
Overy Important O Important O Moderately Important O Slightly Important O Not Important								
C- Referrals								
The following questions refer to your current workplace practices. They explore psychosocial support services and processes of referring patients.								
Q3.1 State if you are aware of these services and rate the level of difficulty in referring patients to these services.								
chosocial Services	Awarene Yes	ss / No /	Not Sure	Ease ( Very difficult	Of Referral Difficult	Neutral	Easy	Very easy
sycho-oncology.	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	Ô	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	Ó	$\bigcirc$
Social work.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Counselling	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Psychology	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$



Q3.2 Please explain how you refer patients to the above support services:						
Q3.3 In the past year as a radiographer have you referred patients to psychosocial services?						
I have not referred any patient.						
I have referred a patient/patients between 1 to 4 times						
I have referred a patient/patients between 5 to 10 times						
Other, please specify:						
Q3.4 How do you communicate the referral? Choose any other option that applies.						
Written communication (e.g. Radiation therapy information systems e.g., MOSAIQ; inpatient notes or email)						
O Verbal communication						
Other, please specify below						

## D-Barriers in the provision of psychosocial support.

Sometimes the environment in which you work, plays a role in our ability to interact with patients having psychosocial issues. This can include the availability of physical, educational and supportive resources.

## Q4.1 For the statements below, indicate the response that best matches your opinion

	Agree (1)	Disagree (2)	l don't know (3)
There is no time in the schedule to provide support to patients having psychosocial issues			
Due to time constraints and work- load, I end up referring the patient to someone else they can talk with			
I often have to prioritise technical demands over supporting the patient psychosocially.			



Increasing treatment complexity has reduced the time available to provide support to patients having psychosocial issues.		
There are sufficient radiographers to take over my duties while I communicate with a patient having psychosocial issues		
There is the need of training regarding how to manage patients having psychosocial issues		
The training I have received is adequate enough to manage patients having psychosocial issues		
I feel that I do not have much knowledge in this area		
There are supportive resources available to me to help me deal with providing support to patients having psychosocial issues		
Not having a screening tool for patient assessment makes it more difficult to identify patients in need of psychosocial services		
There is a lack of private spaces to talk the patient about psychosocial issues		



## Q4.2 Please indicate if and when you have participated in training in the following areas of patient care.

	Atte	nded	Timeframe			
	Yeş	No	Less than 1 year ago	Between 1 and 5 years ago	More than 5 years ago	N/A
Communication Skills Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detecting and responding to	0	0	0	0	0	0
emotional cues Patient Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patient Counselling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patient Anxiety & Depression	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q4.3What suggestions do you have for overcoming any barriers you may have identified?						

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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