



ONCOLOGY SKILLS CHECKLIST

Please enter your full legal name as it appears on your Social Security Card.

First Name:

Last Name:

Date:

Job Description: Staff Nurse - RN - Oncology

Provides professional nursing care, evaluates, plans, implements, and documents nursing care for oncology patient population. Assists physician during examinations and procedures. Provides supportive care and administration of chemotherapy, blood components, fluid and electrolyte replacements, and other oncology treatments as prescribed. Requires an associate's degree and is certified as a registered nurse with at least 2 years of clinical experience. Familiar with standard concepts, practices, and procedures within a particular field. Relies on experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. Performs a variety of tasks. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is expected. Typically reports to a manager or head of a unit/department.

KEY: For each criteria

Score 1: Two plus years Expert Experience

Score 2: One-Two Years Current Experience

Score 3: Less than one year or Intermittent Experience

Score 4: Theory, no experience

CRITERIA	SCORE			
	1	2	3	4
PAIN MANAGEMENT				
Continuous narcotic infusion				
Continuous epidural infusions				
IV push narcotic agents				
Oral timed release agents				
Use of duragesic patches				
Use of PCA pump				
Adjuvant Medications				
Alternative Therapies				
Nonpharmacologic strategies				
Infusion therapy				
Saline/Heparin locks (insertion/maintenance)				
Knowledge of long-term infusion catheters(Hickman, Groshong, PICC)				
Knowledge of long-term implantable ports (Mediport, Portacath)				
Can draw blood from long-term catheters				
Can draw venous blood				
Able to insert PICC line				
Chemotherapy Administration				
Evaluate pertinent lab data				
Calculate body surface area (BSA)				
Care of patient with extravasations				
Manage cytotoxic spills				
Safety handle cytotoxic agents & body fluids post-chemo				
IVPB & Continuous infusion				
IV push				
Subcutaneous				
Intrathecal (administer)				
Assist with intrathecal				
Intraperitoneal				
Intrapleural				
Intravesicular				

PATIENTS WITH RADIATION THERAPY	
Provide radiation therapy teaching	
Provide special skill care post-radiation	
Brachytherapy	
Nonsealed radioactive therapy	
Intraoperative radiotherapy (IORT)	
External radiotherapy	
Total body irradiation (TBI)	
Radiation safety precautions	
PATIENTS WITH BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT	
Adult BMT experience	
PATIENTS RECEIVING BIOTHERAPY	
Patient teaching	
Administration of	
Interferons	
Interleukins	
Growth factors	
ASSESS AND INTERVENE IN ONCOLOGICAL CRISIS	
SIADH	
Superior Vena Cava Syndrome	
Spinal Cord Compression	
Tumor Lysis Syndrome	
DIC	
Septicemia	
Tamponade	
Hypercalcemia	
Implantable Pumps	
Infusaid	
Medtronic	
Therex	
Ambulatory Infusion Pumps	
Auto syringe	
Pharmacia	
Pancretec	
Cormed	
Synchromed	
CADD	
PATIENTS WITH ALTERATION IN PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	
Care of patients in reverse isolation	
Care of neutropenic patient	
Altered skin integrity	
Neuropathy	
Altered mental status	
Provide mucositis and stomatitis care	
Care of patient in LAF room	
Care of AIDS patient	
GASTROINTESTINAL	
TPN/PPN administration	
G-Tubes/J-Tubes (site care and feeding through)	
Enterostomal care (ostomy care)	
Flexible feeding tube insertion (Dobhoff, Miller-Abbott)	
NG tube insertion	

Colostomy irrigation and patient teaching	
Tube feeding assessments (residual checks, irrigation)	
Management of sudden wound dehiscence	
Pediatric BMT experience	
Stem cell transplant experience	
Familiar with complications	
Graft rejection	
Venocclusive disease	
Graft-versus-host disease (GVHD)	
PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE	
Understand the Kubler-Ross stages of Grieving	
Identify resources/support groups for patient /family	
Patient teaching self-care and coping skills	
Assist with goal setting	
Advance directives	
Quality of life issues	
Death and dying counseling	
Hospice Care	
Patient/family education with Cancer screening/detection	
PULMONARY	
Assessment of breathing patterns	
Oropharyngeal suctioning	
Tracheostomy suctioning	
Proficient at	
Incentive spirometry teaching	
Pulse oximetry	
Chest tube maintenance	
ENDOCRINE	
Care of diabetic patient	
Administration of SQ insulin	
Administration of IV insulin (IVP and drip)	
Blood glucose monitors (Accucheck, Onetouch, Basic)	
Care of patient with hypothyroidism (Graves Disease)	
Use and Administration of	
Synthroid	
Solu-Cortef	
Prednisone	
Decadron	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Wound debridement	
Wet to dry dressing changes	
Care of drains and tubes (Hemovac, JP, Penrose)	
Administration Blood and blood products	

AGE SPECIFIC CARE				
Please indicate the frequency with which you provide care for each age group in this specialty area.	1	2	3	4
Infant (Birth to 1 year)				
Toddler (1-3 years)				
Pre-school (3-6 years)				
School Age (6-12 years)				

Adolescent (12-18 years)				
Young Adult (18-30 years)				
Mature Adult (30-60 years)				
Elderly (>60 years)				

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The information I have given is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and fully understand the job description. By signing below or submitting electronically, I attest that the information provided within this skills checklist represents a full and complete disclosure of information, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby authorize Sagent Healthstaff to release this skills checklist to client facilities for employment purposes.

I agree with the above statements. :

Signature: (please type your full name) :

Date: