



Advance notice: PSMX 428 PSYCHO-ONCOLOGY 2011 (30 points - Second semester)

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Eligibility

This paper is designed primarily for clinicians working in the areas of oncology, haematology, and palliative care, although health professionals working in the general hospital setting would also find it very relevant.

Content

The course content is arranged around the following themes. Upon completion of this paper, students will:

- ❑ Have a knowledge and understanding of the key theories of, and processes involved in, the psychological adaptation to cancer
- ❑ Have a working knowledge of the types of psychological/psychiatric disturbances presenting in people with cancer, and the psychological issues for those working in psycho-oncology.
- ❑ Have a comprehensive introduction to the common psychological interventions and therapies relevant to haematology/oncology settings
- ❑ Be knowledgeable about key themes in psycho-oncology research

Teaching Arrangements

All the course work for this paper occurs during the second semester (July-October). Block course teaching sessions are yet to be confirmed for 2011, but will consist of 4 two-day blocks.

For the purposes of class discussions held during the teaching semester, students also will be expected to attend the 'Clinical Grand Rounds' meetings each Tuesday 12.30-1.30pm.

Prescribed Texts

A variety of general texts and journals relevant to the course are located in the Canterbury Medical Library. Wherever possible, required readings will be supplied directly to the class.

Assessment

Essay	40%
Seminar	20%
Essay	40%

Further inquiries to

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