

Executive summary of Joint Working Project between Astellas Pharma Ltd and Guy's Cancer Academy:

“Development of an Advanced Non-medical Practitioner: Prostate Cancer care accredited competency-based educational module with Guy's Cancer Academy (GCA) for Advanced Non-medical (nurses and allied health professionals) Prescribers and Practitioners (ANMPs) who wish to become specialist practitioners in the area of Prostate Cancer”

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Objective:

An executive summary to outline the benefits of working in partnership with GCA to develop an Advanced Non-medical Practitioner in Cancer accredited competency-based educational module for Advanced Non-medical (nurses and allied health professionals) Prescribers and Practitioners (ANMPs) who wish to become specialist practitioners in the area of Prostate Cancer.

Summary:

New Prostate Cancer cases account for 26% of all new cancer cases in males with 48,500 patients diagnosed every year; this creates a burden on capacity for the NHS within Prostate Cancer clinics in times of restricted NHS budgets. It has been shown that advanced practice nursing roles (and associated health professionals) have an impact on quality of care, clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction as well as alleviating capacity constraints through sharing workload. To become a qualified advanced practitioner, candidates must expand their knowledge to Master's degree level. The time taken to achieve this is variable and some candidates can take long periods of time to achieve the required standards due to time constraints and limited access to teaching materials.

Astellas is committed to supporting the NHS within the Prostate Cancer therapy area. By working in partnership, Astellas is at the forefront of driving innovation and change for the positive benefit of patients by assisting the NHS in delivering high standards of care. This partnership between Astellas and GCA, by pooling of joint expertise to develop an on-line educational module, will support health professionals in their desire to improve their knowledge and skills and will also subsequently benefit patients. The accredited on-line Prostate Cancer ANMP education module will be hosted by GCA.

Benefits of Project

Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected capacity constraint alleviation through ANMP clinics will allow the medical or surgical specialist consultant to manage more complex patients, potentially leading to better patient care. It is expected that increased patient access to a health professional in a timely manner and continuity of care with an ANMP will lead to increased patient satisfaction As the acquired Prostate Cancer knowledge will be at a high-level (Masters), it is expected the level of care delivered to patients by the ANMPs trained in this way will be consistently high Patients may benefit from being treated closer to home through specialist practitioners delivering Prostate Cancer care in their local environments; qualified ANMPs may run stand-alone clinics
NHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANMP-delivered care deals with the patient holistically and can identify potential management issues early, allowing them to be dealt with efficiently and in a timely manner, potentially reducing the need for further appointments at a later stage Reduced risk of missing NHS Cancer Waiting targets, resulting in improved Trust performance through capacity constraint alleviation within Prostate Cancer clinics Increased likelihood of person-centered and continuous care through ANMP clinics, improving patient experience outcomes and opportunities to build therapeutic relationships ANMP-delivered models of care have been shown to be sustainable within the NHS Prostate Cancer ANMPs have one of highest tumour-type specific patient caseloads. As there is a limited “pool” of Prostate Cancer ANMPs, an accredited Advanced Practitioner in Prostate Cancer module will assist in the expansion of the numbers of ANMPs for the future, thus ultimately leading to benefits to both the NHS and patients
Astellas Pharma Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will assist Astellas in its mission to provide support to healthcare professionals in the form of high-quality educational activities, to increase the quality of care that patients with Prostate Cancer receive in the UK Increased throughput of Prostate Cancer patients as a result of more ANMP clinics may lead to increased prescription of licensed treatments, which may include Astellas products