

## **ONCOLOGY – GUIDELINES & OBJECTIVES**

At the end of the appointment, the student should be able to

### **Prerequisites**

1. Take a complete and relevant history from a patient with a cancer
2. Do a physical examination, elicit physical signs and interpret the findings confidently and accurately

### **Specific objectives**

3. Learn common malignancies (breast cancers, head and neck cancers, cancers of ovaries, lung, prostate and cervical) and common haematological malignancies (leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma)
4. Learn the basics of cancer management (staging, chemotherapy and radiotherapy)
5. Learn oncological emergencies and management including side effects of therapy
6. Learn palliative care and pain control
7. Recognize, understand and appreciate social and psychological problems of cancer patients and their families
8. Learn cancer epidemiology
9. Learn prevention, screening and vaccination

### **The above objectives are achieved by**

- a. Clerking patients and maintaining case records
- b. Attending ward-classes and discussions
- c. Reading lecture notes and textbooks

## **Oncology Objectives – Kandy**

1. Cancer epidemiology (Global/ Asia/ Sri Lanka)
2. Screening and vaccination
3. Basics of cancer management (Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy)
4. Oncological emergencies and management of chemotherapy induced side effects.
5. Overview of common malignancies
  - a. Breast cancer
  - b. Head and Neck cancer
  - c. Ovaries/ Lung/ Prostate
  - d. Cervical cancer
6. Palliative care and pain control

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