



# Medical Radiation Sciences Radiation Therapy Clinical Practice 3

## Information for Clinical Mentors

27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023 6 weeks

This **Year 4 student** is commencing their final year of the Radiation Therapy program, progressing towards entry level practitioner. Clinical Practice 3 (CP3) placement, is the first of four (4) clinical courses that are completed during their final year.

The student has previously completed a 6-week Clinical Practice 2 (CP2) placement which concluded at the end of October 2022. The previous academic theory courses, which were delivered in July/August 2022, included concepts and skills in:

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| ✚ Head and Neck malignancies      | ✚ Particle therapy                 |
| ✚ Paediatric malignancies         | ✚ Electron treatment               |
| ✚ Total Body Irradiation          | ✚ Electron planning                |
| ✚ Cranio-spinal Irradiation       | ✚ Ultrasound clinical applications |
| ✚ IMRT planning                   | ✚ MRI clinical applications        |
| ✚ Quality Assurance               | ✚ MRI in RT planning               |
| ✚ Image matching and set up error | ✚ Brachytherapy applications       |

Prior to the CP3 clinical placement in 2023 the student has participated in a 1-week pre-clinical workshop at the university where problem solving, and pinnacle planning skills were further developed and enhanced. The pre-clinical workshop covered:

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| ✚ Electron setup practice on the VERT system | ✚ Whole brain planning   |
| ✚ Electron mark up and documentation         | ✚ IMRT prostate planning   |
| ✚ Beaming on and machine interlocks/errors   | ✚ Quality assurance planning concepts  |
| ✚ Simulated patient communication situations | ✚ Mock clinic and intra-professional sessions with nuclear medicine students and RO registrars |
| ✚ Breast planning                            |  |

### Expectations of students for 6-week placement:

- The main objective of the placement is to continue to participate in radiation therapy procedures which give the student an opportunity to apply what they have learnt.
- The students are to continue to complete their planning and treatment competencies whilst on placement.
- In the student's clinical workbook there is a clinical report to be filled in by the student reflecting on their 6 weeks of experience. Once the student has completed this reflection, the clinical report is to be completed by the **Clinical Supervisor in the clinical department** in collaboration with the mentors involved with that student during their placement.
- There is also the expectation that students will exhibit **safe practice** and **professional behaviour**.

<u>Safe practice</u>	<u>Professional behavior</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates awareness of manual handling principles in patient and staff safety</li> <li>• Demonstrates the safe application of all equipment</li> <li>• Is responsible for patient and personal safety</li> <li>• Does not put other persons in the workplace at any risk</li> <li>• Demonstrates an awareness of infection control practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly wears the student identification badge at all times</li> <li>• Wears a current Luxel at all times in accordance with the Medical Radiation Luxel policy</li> <li>• Is punctual at all times in accordance with the Medical Radiation attendance policy</li> <li>• Maintains confidentiality of staff and patient information at all times</li> <li>• Maintains personal hygiene and dress as stated in the Medical Radiation Uniform policy</li> <li>• Behaves in a professional manner to colleagues, supervisors, patients and their families at all times</li> </ul>