

LUNG CANCER CLINIC/ THORACIC ONCOLOGY

Please note that these objectives supplement the RCPS objectives

General objective: The resident will gain skill in the initial assessment, investigation and treatment of patients with malignancies of the chest. While doing this they will gain appreciation of the importance of the multidisciplinary approach to pulmonary malignancies as is seen in the cancer clinic setting.

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| MEDICAL EXPERT | 1. | Given a patient with lung cancer the resident will be able to medically stage the patient. |
| | 2. | Given a patient with lung cancer or a mediastinal tumour the resident will demonstrate knowledge of the prognosis with and without therapy. |
| | 3. | The resident will demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate stage matched treatment options. |
| | 4. | Given a patient with a malignant pleural effusion, the resident will demonstrate the knowledge and skills appropriate for palliation of the patient including thoracentesis, insertion of a chest tube or pleurex catheter, pleurodesis when appropriate, and management of pain and dyspnea. |
| | 5. | The resident will describe the roles of surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy in the management of lung cancer. |
| COMMUNICATOR | 6. | The resident will discuss with patients who have incurable lung cancer the prognosis and the treatment options available including palliative chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and analgesics. |
| COLLABORATOR | 7. | The resident will appreciate the importance of collaboration with the pathologist, surgeon, family physicians and oncologists in the management of malignant diseases of the chest. |