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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (RENAL CARE)

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

RCSI DEVELOPING HEALTHCARE LEADERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE

Module Title	Care of the Urology Patient (Optional Module)
Level of Learning	9 NFQ
Pre-requisite course	Primary degree or equivalent
ECTS Credits	10
Module Coordinator	Ms Mary O'Neill Mr Paul Mahon
Module Lecturers	Ms. Ciara White & medical and allied health specialists in the area of caring for the renal patient will be included at appropriate stages in the module.

Rationale of Module

Urology is continuously evolving with the introduction in recent years of laproscopic surgery and hand assisted robotic surgery. The proposed development of Urology services in Ireland also include the introduction of haematuria clinics, erectile dysfunction and LUTS clinics all of which would require specialist training for nurses in these areas.. Urology services in Ireland are currently provided by a number of specialist departments in Dublin (Beaumont hospital, The Mater hospital, St James's hospital, Tallaght hospital and St Vincents hospital and Loughlinstown), Cork, Galway and Limerick with satellite services provided to some peripheral hospitals also. Due to a growing, ageing population along with increased life expectancy and increased cancer detection there is a heightened demand for specialist urology services. Due to the rapid rate of evolution within the specialty it is essential for nurses to keep abreast of these changes and adapt their practices accordingly.

Module Aims

The aim of this module is to provide the student with a knowledge base that exercises higher levels of judgement, discretion, decision making and skills required to provide the student with comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the issues associated with the care and management of urology patients.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, the student will be able to:

- Critically analyse the bio-psycho-social context of health care for the urological patient.
- Critically evaluate the various treatment options available within the care of the urological patient
- Demonstrate critical awareness of the holistic nursing care and management of the patient with a urological disorder.
- Critically appraise health and social policy in relation to service provision for the urological patient.
- Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary team in the provision of a support network to the urological patient and their families

Indicative Syllabus

- Anatomy & Physiology of urological tract
- Urological Investigations
- Bladder outlet obstruction
- Incontinence



- Infectious and Inflammatory conditions
- Prostate Carcinoma
- Bladder Carcinoma
- Renal Cell Carcinoma
- Testicular Carcinoma
- Urological Neoplasia
- Urological Disease of the Kidney
- Trauma to the urinary tract
- Stone disease
- Stoma care
- Urological problems in pregnancy
- Upper Tract Obstruction
- Neuropathic Bladder
- Urological Surgery
- Infertility
- Catheters and catheterization
- Urology Services
- Patient Education
- Health Promotion
- Professional Issues in Nursing
 - Scope of Practice
 - Principles of patient safety
 - Accreditation, quality and risk management
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Leadership & Management
 - The role of education in healthcare

Teaching Learning Activities	Hours
Contact hours including face to face tutorials & workshops	36
Course work preparation	44
Directed reading & study	160
Assessment	10
Total	250

Examination/ Assessment Method	Type of Assessment (Continuous/Terminal)	Weighting
Presentation at Nursing Symposium (oral or poster)	Terminal	20%
Clinical Practice Improvement Project	Continuous	80%

Indicative Reading

Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (2000) *Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework*. Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann, Dublin.

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Ewles, L., Simnett, I. (2003) *Promoting Health: A Practical Guide*, Bailliere Tindall, London.

Leahy, A., Wiley, M., (1998). *The Irish Health System in the 21st Century*, Dublin: Oak Tree Press.

National Cancer Registry (2008) *Cancer Projections 2005-2035*, The National Cancer Registry, Cork.

National Cancer Registry (2005) *Cancer in Ireland 1994-2001: Incidence, Mortality & Treatment*. The National Cancer Registry, Cork.

Naidoo, J., Wills, J., (2000) *Health Promotion Foundation for Practice*, London: Bailliere Tindall.

Resnick, M., Novick, A. (2002) *Urology Secrets*, 3rd edn.,. Hanley & Belfus, Philadelphia.

Reynard, J., Brewser, S., Biers, S. (2006) *Oxford Handbook of Urology*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Tanagho, E., McAninch, J. (2008) *Smith's General Urology*, 17th ed.,. Mc Graw-Hill Medical, UK.

Useful Journals

Journal of Advanced Nursing

Journal of Clinical Nursing

British Journal of Nursing

British Journal of Urology

Cancer Nursing

Clinical Nursing

International Journal of Palliative Nursing

Clinical Nursing Journal of Urology

Journal of Wound Care

Nursing Ethics

Ostomy / Wound Management

Recommended Web-sites

www.cancer.ie/

<http://www.cancerbacup.org.uk/Home>

www.prostatecancerfoundation.org/

<http://www.uroweb.org/>

<http://www.ncnm.ie/iscna/index.htm>

<http://www.ncnm.ie/iaun/index.asp>

<http://www.baun.co.uk/>

Additional reading material will be provided by individual lecturers

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