

Cisplatin-associated ototoxicity amongst patients receiving cancer chemotherapy and the feasibility of an audiological monitoring program

INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CLINIC PERSONNEL

Dear Participant

We are delighted that you have agreed to participate and would like to thank you sincerely, as the information from this study can be used to help us understand the complexities associated with chemotherapy. The information that you provide will be treated with the strictest of confidence and please do not hesitate to ask us any questions that you may have during the course of the study. Contact details are reflected on the information and consent document.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please mark the appropriate answer to each question with an X, and give further detail if necessary.

2. Please answer all questions.

1.1. Please indicate your profession.

Oncologist

Oncology nurse

1.2. How long have you been working with patients with cancer?

Years

Months

2.1. Do the patients, on cancer chemotherapy, complain of any auditory symptoms?

Yes

No

2.2. If so, which of the following auditory symptoms do patients complain of?

Reduced hearing sensitivity

Pain in the ears

Noises in the ears

Hypersensitivity to sounds

2.2.1. If a patient experiences reduced hearing sensitivity, who is s/he referred to?

Family doctor

ENT specialist

Speech language pathologist

Audiologist

2.3. Are you aware that certain chemotherapy drugs, for cancer, may cause hearing loss?

Yes

No

2.3.1. Do you give the patients information about the possible ototoxic effects of the medication prior to commencing chemotherapy?

Yes

No

2.3.2. Do you provide the patient with any recommendations regarding their hearing?

Yes

No

2.3.3. If so, what are these recommendations?

2.4. Do you consider the audiologist to be part of the team who deals with patients with cancer?

Yes

No

2.5. Whose responsibility is it to provide patients with information about the possible ototoxic effects of medication?

 Nurses Oncologists Pharmacists Audiologists

2.6. Do you enquire about patient's history of hearing difficulties?

 Yes No

2.7. Do you enquire about family history of hearing loss?

 Yes No

2.8. Do you ask about the patient's medical history and drugs used to treat these conditions?

 Tuberculosis HIV Malaria Pain and fever

3.1. Does the oncology department have an ototoxicity monitoring program?

 Yes No Not sure

3.2. Is there a protocol in the oncology department that indicates when a patient's hearing should be monitored?

 Yes No Not sure

3.3. If yes, when should the patient, with cancer, be referred for a hearing test?

-----THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CO-OPERATION-----