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<td>This policy outlines the use of the Cancer Institute NSW’s evidence based, electronic database of Standard Cancer Treatment Protocols, known as eviQ.</td>
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy outlines the use of eviQ within South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) and defines the process for meeting the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Safety and Quality Improvement Guide Standard 4: Medication Safety (October 2012).

2. BACKGROUND

This policy is to ensure that clinical cancer practice in SESLHD is evidence-based and research driven.

The Cancer Institute NSW (CINSW) developed an evidence-based electronic data base for Standard Cancer Treatment protocols. It is now called eviQ Cancer Treatments Online.

eviQ is a point of care clinical information resource that provides health professionals with current evidence based, peer reviewed, best practice cancer treatment protocols and information. eviQ is relevant to the Australian clinical environment and can be accessed free 24 hours a day. eviQ is designed to support a busy work flow in all clinical and geographical settings, allowing rural, remote and metropolitan health professionals, patients, carers and their families access to the same standard evidence based information.

eviQ Cancer Treatments Online is a comprehensive information repository containing evidence-based Chemotherapy drug treatment protocols for:

- Medical Oncology by tumour site eg. Breast, Colorectal cancer
- Haematology and Haemopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplant (HPCT)

It also includes information, tools and resources on:

- Adolescent and Young Adult
- Cancer Genetics
- Nursing
- Clinical Procedures
- Oncological Emergencies
- Palliative Care
- Radiotherapy Oncology

A chemotherapy dosing calculator is located within each specific chemotherapy protocol on the eviQ website.

An opioid conversion calculator is available under Tools & resources. Instructions on use are provided. The eviQ opioid conversion calculator was designed to support clinicians.
in managing patients on opioids. The calculator draws from the ‘cautious conversions’ end of the spectrum.

These are intended to be used as an adjunct to prescribing.

The protocols and information are developed and approved by specialist clinicians and are reviewed annually.

The site complies with the HONcode standard for trustworthy health information.

An evaluation study found that the use of formal policies endorsing eviQ are essential to increasing the uptake of this Australian web-based oncology protocol system and thus facilitating the achievement of its main purpose, to reduce treatment variation and improve quality of care (Hains, Ward, & Pearson 2012).

3. TARGET AUDIENCE
All SESLHD Cancer Services and related staff providing cancer treatment including:
- Medical Staff
- Nursing staff
- Allied Health staff

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Employees will:
All SESLHD staff providing cancer treatment will act in accordance with this policy:
- Medical Staff
- Nursing staff
- Allied Health staff.

4.2 Line Managers will:
Ensure this policy is followed by all relevant staff.

4.3 District Managers/Service Managers will:
Provide support to staff in the implementation of this procedure as required.

5. PROCEDURE
SESLHD supports patient safety, the delivery of best practice treatment to cancer patients and the provision of up-to-date information on cancer treatment protocols and procedures to Cancer services staff. To ensure this level of care and support is provided, the following principles will apply:
5.1 All policies and procedures approved by the Cancer Institute NSW and displayed on the eviQ website will be adopted and accepted as the standard within SESLHD. If there is a need to make variations to/away from an eviQ policy or procedure, ONLY evidence based protocols from randomised control trials (RCT) are to be utilised. A copy of the research article with administration details and drug dosages should be placed in the patient’s records.

5.2 The eviQ website will be accessed via the Cancer Institute NSW website http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au or directly via http://www.eviq.org.au. Users must register on the home page to obtain a Member Login username and password.

5.3 All new cancer treatments or amendments are to go through the eviQ Protocol Submission Process. Since 2012, all chemotherapy protocols submitted to eviQ will be assigned a unique identifier. The identifier will be assigned irrespective of whether or not the protocol is subsequently developed for display on the eviQ website. The eviQ assigned unique identifiers are now part of the national data dictionary and will be used for reporting and evaluation of cancer treatments. Once the unique identifier has been assigned, the proposed protocol must be submitted by the LHD for consideration for development as an eviQ endorsed protocol by the national eviQ reference group. The submission form can be found on the Cancer Institute NSW home page: http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/ under Protocols, Tools and Resources, Protocol Submissions. Protocols rejected by the national eviQ reference group should not be used.

5.4 Any feedback, questions, concerns or comments are to be emailed to The eviQ Team at eviqed@eviq.org.au and feedback@eviq.org.au

5.5 eviQ is not intended to replicate or replace the knowledge, skills, experience, or clinical judgement of experienced health professionals

6. DOCUMENTATION
None required.

7. REFERENCES

Cancer Institute NSW - eviQ Cancer Treatments Online 2014

8. REVISION & APPROVAL HISTORY

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