



Memo to

To: eviQ ADAC Stakeholders
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Subject: Update on eviQ ADAC implementation
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For Your: ACTION DECISION [X] INFORMATION

Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to implement a consistent, best practice approach for anti-neoplastic administration and handling in the central region through the Evidence and Quality (eviQ) Anti-neoplastic Drug Administration Course (ADAC) learning modules, and evaluate the implementation of ADAC, to help inform progress in New Zealand.

Progress to Date

The launch of the ADAC modules progressed quite smoothly as planned on July the 13th. There were some initial IT access problems but these were quickly addressed by our Learning Management colleagues.

There has been a high level of interest from nursing staff wanting to undertake the ADAC programme. The initial approach is for new nurses will do the modules as well as those due for Chemotherapy recertification. Given that nurses now have to recertify every two years this will mean that within eighteen months all nurses delivering chemotherapy in the region will have completed the full ADAC training and from then on recertification will only require a shorter 'refresher' course. Activity to date includes:

- Staff who were identified as requiring to undertake the course either because they were new or required recertification have their logins and are progressing through the modules. There has been very positive feedback from the staff so far. Towards the end of July ADAC went live at Taranaki and Wellington with the team logging in and starting the modules. Hawkes Bay will be next with an anticipated start soon.
- The Nurse Educators have been setting up the systems and working with the staff and online learning providers to get things underway. Anna Saua, Nurse Educator, has completed a site visit to New Plymouth to get them underway and has a site visit to Hawkes Bay planned for later this month. The nurse educators have now trained a number of senior nurses as Competency Assessors to carry out the assessing in line with the ADAC methodology. This includes nurses from Wellington, Palmerston North as well as Taranaki and Hawkes Bay.

This project has also been a catalyst for wider service improvement opportunities, including the development of a draft regional policy for Antineoplastic Drug Administration Policy and Antineoplastic Certification policy aligned to the ADAC programme. This has been a lot of hard work

by the Educators but now ensure a consistent standard of practice across the central region. In line with this has been the introduction of a higher standard of personal protection for nurses handling antineoplastic drugs and related waste. Previously only gowns and gloves were used but now best practice dictates that goggles and masks are included for key contact periods. The Nurse Educators and Charge Nurses are working collaboratively with their teams to implement this change.

A visit by Sarah Tomkins, eviQ Education Manager based in Sydney, is provisionally planned for 4 – 6th November this year which is being sponsored by the National Directors of Nursing. The purpose of the visit will be to support our regional implementation, train more ADAC Facilitators nationally and provide an opportunity to engage with stakeholders and other cancer nursing groups regarding other eviQ courses specific to their areas e.g. Paediatric oncology and Radiotherapy nursing.

Project timeline and next milestones

- September/October: Initial regional facilitator and clinical skills workshops
- 4-6th November: Proposed visit from Sarah Tomkins from eviQ Education
- February/March 2016: Project evaluation