

The Development of a Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapist (CSRT) Role through a Systematic Framework: The Odette Cancer Centre Experience

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Presentation Outline:

- Process of Development of a CSRT Role
- The PEPPA Framework
- Summary and Questions



PEPPA Framework:

- **Participatory, Evidence** informed, **Patient** centered **Process** for **APN** role development
- Systematic Healthcare planning guide
- Promote Development, Implementation and Evaluation of Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) roles
- Development of enhanced cancer services or new models of care
- CSRT program recommend PEPPA framework

Advantages of PEPPA framework:

- Structured approach to change
- Framework for role development
- Tools to aid evaluation of roles and services
- Shared across roles to provide standardization
 - (CSRT Development)
- Useful tool to encourage and support innovation, creativity for service improvements and development



STEPS 1-6

Decision Making and Planning



Step One:

Define Population and Current Model of Care

- Cancer Patients receiving radiotherapy
- Current Supportive Care and Sexual Health services:
 - Fragmented
 - Not specific to cancer patients
 - No data collection/database
 - Not evidence based

Step Two:

Identify Stakeholders and Recruit Participants

- Meet with relevant stakeholders in supportive care and sexual health
- Identify providers of current services/care
- Meet with Site Groups to determine support
- Investigate current “models” of care/services at other institutions

Step Three/Four:

Describe Needs / Importance of Gaps in Care

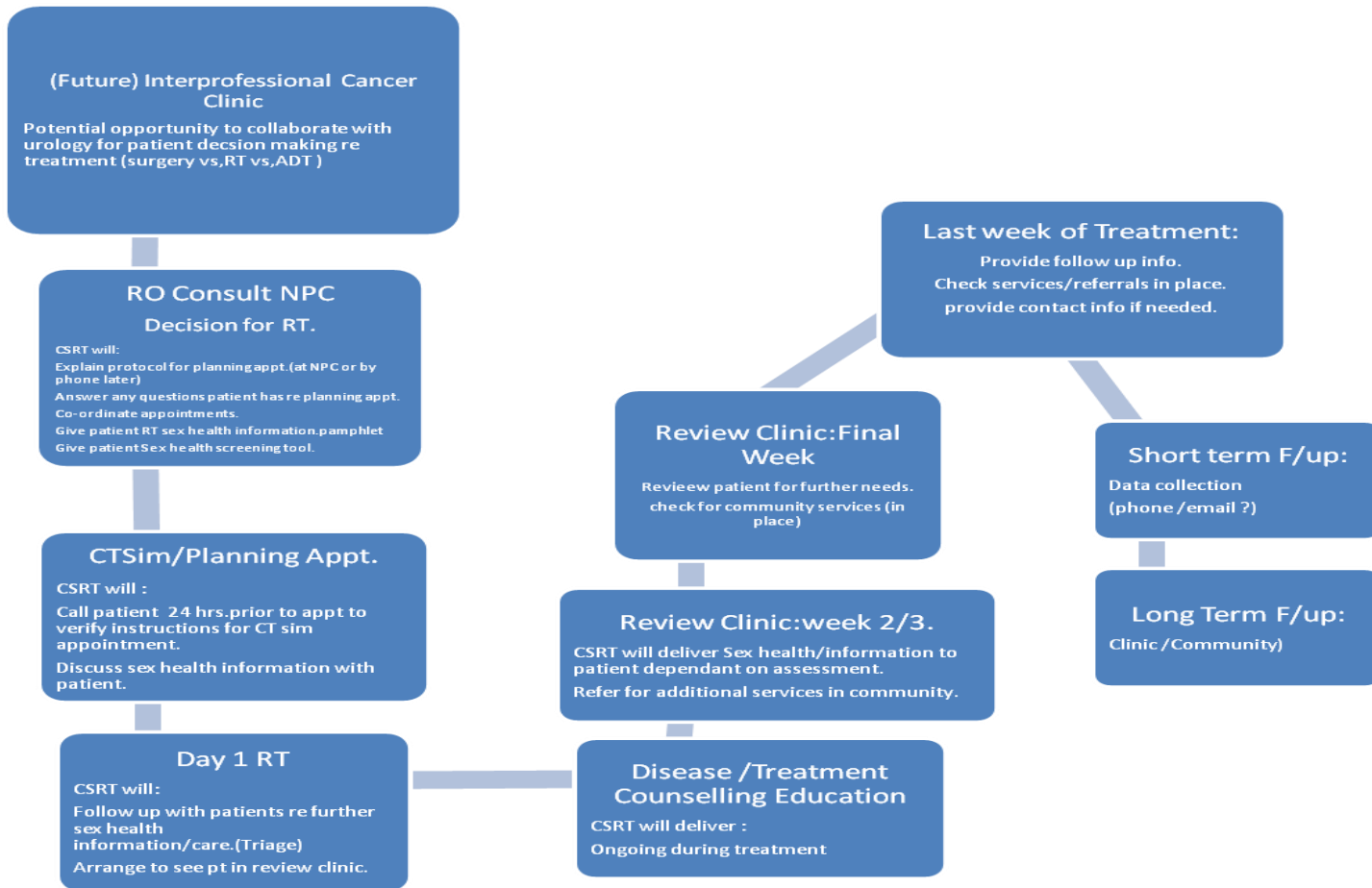
- Unmet needs of cancer patients related to sexual health :
 - Provincial patient data
 - Institutional data
 - Published literature on sexual health and cancer

Step Three/Four:

Describe Needs / Importance of Gaps in Care

- Canadian Cancer Society projected cancer incidences
 - Economic Impact on healthcare systems
 - Importance:
 - Provincial priorities in cancer care (Quality of life, Survivorship issues)
- CCO Ontario Cancer Plan 2011-2015*
- Vision/mission of institutions where CSRT role implemented

Step Five: Define New Model of Care



CSRT SCSH will provide continuity of care along the patient pathway

- Support other HCPs with information and resources for patients
- Support other HCPs in providing evidence based care for patients

Steps Six to Nine:

- Step 6: Plan implementation strategies
- Step 7: Implementation
- Steps 8-9: Evaluation
 - Short term /long term monitoring of role and process

Summary: CSRT Role Development

- Structured framework for Change
- Useful in areas of role ambiguity
- Defines role expectations, reporting structures etc.
- All or some steps of the PEPPA framework may be useful depending on advanced practice role

Questions/Comments?

**“EVERY
ACCOMPLISHMENT
STARTS WITH THE
DECISION TO
TRY.”**

