



Health service improvement projects

From grant application to project results: a snapshot of 2018/19

NEMICS service improvement grants



Number and quality of grant applications improved

Consumers involved:

- early involvement in project design
- clear understanding of problem

The SUBLIME study

Pilot: teach patients to self-administer injection for myeloma treatment (only part of protocol done in DOU)

Results:

84 Patients
NO adverse
outcomes



Improved quality
of life



\$375 per cycle
per patient



3 hours of DOU
chair time

Patient savings on
travel and parking



Conference
abstracts



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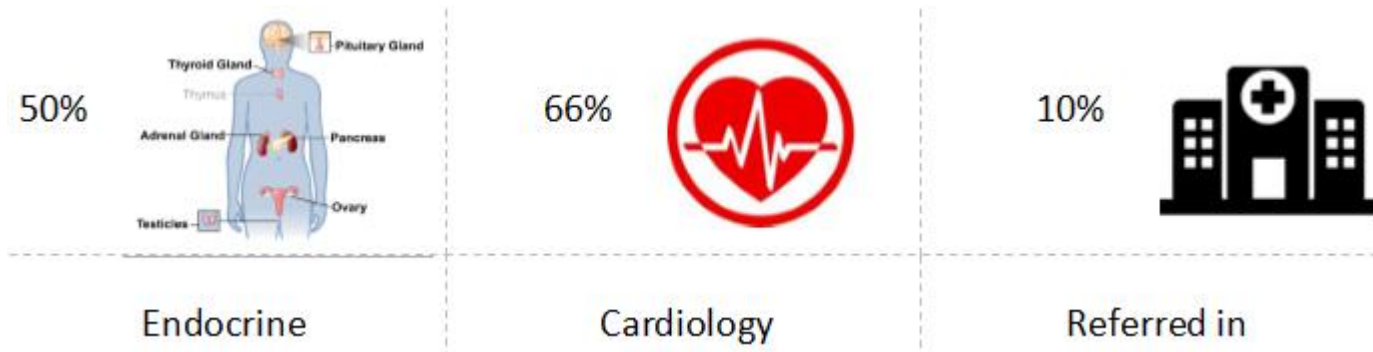
Tailored survivorship for haematology patients

Treatment related long term side effects are significant

Project added patient reported outcomes and tailored plan

Results

Multidisciplinary clinic now provides assessment and monitoring of side effects – makes referrals



Pricilla Gates
Austin Health



Symptom and urgent review clinic at Northern Health



- Nurse practitioner led clinic
- Single point of contact
- Improved understanding and self-management skills
- Telephone or clinic
- Aim – to reduce the number of ED visits

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Pre chemotherapy education – best practice



Findings

Substantial variability in:
content re chemotherapy & supportive care assessment and referrals

Response:



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Survivorship care plan for women with breast cancer

- Implementation of survivorship care plan and shared care model

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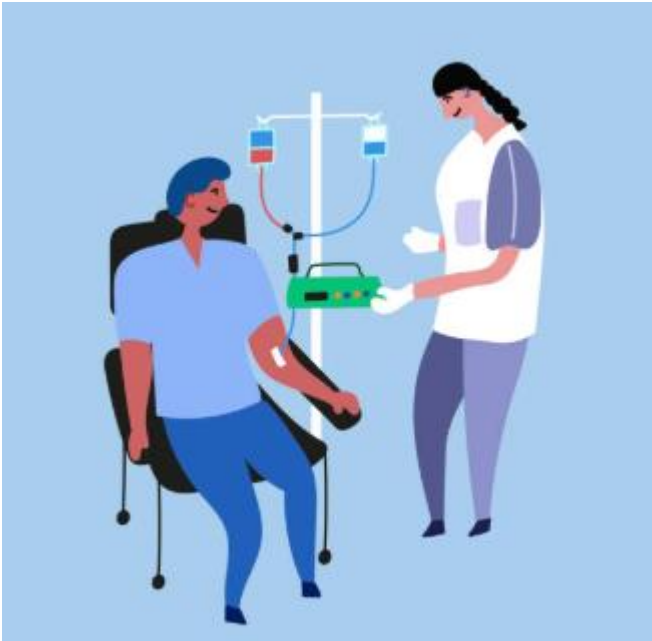
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Northern Health chemotherapy nurse education program



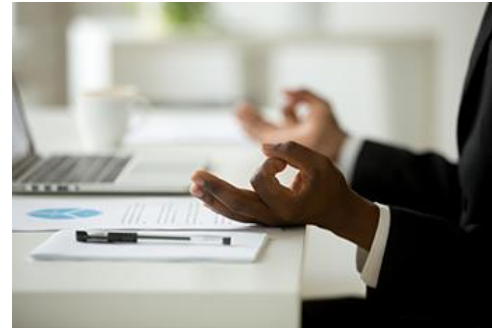
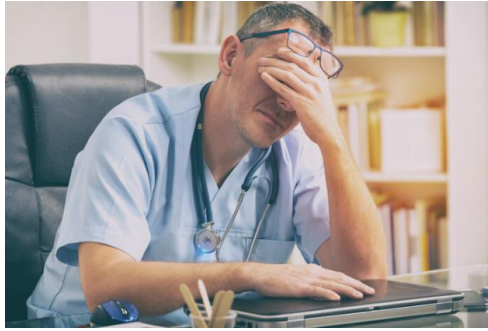
Practical consolidation of skills

Mentored by experienced DOU nurses

PICC / PORT / cannulation

Group professional grant
Mariana Grgat

Professional development: Mindfulness based stress reduction



- Evaluation ➡ liked by respondents but would not refer a colleague
- Understanding barriers first step
- Setting for sessions could be a barrier
- New ideas for important issue are being sought

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