**Pleural Disease and Mesothelioma – A short course for specialist nurses**

**Wednesday 18 June 2025**

**The Lowry Hotel, Manchester**

**Programme**

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| **08.30am – 09:00am**  | **Registration & Arrival Refreshments** |
| **09.00am – 09.10am** | **Welcome & Introduction** |
| **SESSION 1** | **UNDERSTANDING PLEURAL DISEASE****Chair: Laura McNaughton** |
| **09.10am – 09.25am** | **Normal anatomy and physiology of the pleura** **Rakesh Panchal** |
| **09:25am – 09.40am** | **Where does the fluid come from? Helping patients understand pleural** **Effusions** **Matthew Evison**  |
| **09:40am – 09.55am** | **Understanding pleural fluid results** **Avinash Aujayeb** |
| **SESSION 2** | **DIAGNOSING PLEURAL MALIGNANCY****Chair: Maria Parsonage** |
| **09:55am – 10.05am** | **A guide to understanding imaging of benign and malignant findings on** **Imaging** **Jen Rees** |
| **10.05am – 10.20am** | **Pleural biopsy – how and when** **Laura McNaughton** |
| **10.20am – 10.30am** | **Understanding pleural biopsy results – BAP1/P16 FISH in mesothelioma,** **genomic testing in pleural disease** **Mark Neilly** |
| **10.30am – 11.00am** | **REFRESHMENT BREAK** |
| **SESSION 3** | **MANAGING MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS – THE SPECIALIST NURSES’** **PERSPECTIVE****Chair: Carolyn Macrae** |
| **11.00am – 11.20am****11.20am – 11.40am** | **Chest drain and talc pleurodesis – assessing patients with a chest drain on a** **ward, troubleshooting problems and performing talc pleurodesis** **Hannah Collins****Indwelling pleural catheters – the nurses role in follow-up, support,** **troubleshooting and managing complications** **Maria Parsonage** |
| **11.40am – 12.40pm** | **Practical stations – hands on the equipment: digital chest drains, ambulatory****Bags, IPCs, talc** **All Faculty** |
| **12.40pm – 1.30pm** | **LUNCH BREAK** |
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| **SESSION 4** | **HOLISTIC PATIENT CARE****Chair: Hannah Collins** |
| **1.30pm – 1.50pm** | **Communication skills – discussing a cancer diagnosis, prognosis and difficult** **conversations** **Clare Warnock** |
| **1.50pm – 2.05pm** | **Holistic management of breathlessness** **Donna Wakefield** |
| **2.05pm – 2.20pm** | **Holistic management of pain** **Donna Wakefield** |
| **2.20pm – 2.35pm** | **Being a patient advocate and having a voice in the MDT** **Simon Bolton** |
| **2.35pm – 2.50pm** | **COMFORT/REFRESHMENT BREAK** |
| **SESSION 5** | **AN OVERVIEW OF MANAGING MESOTHELIOMA IN 2023****Chair: Jennifer Rees** |
| **2.50pm – 3.10pm** | **An overview of treatment: chemotherapy, immunotherapy, surgery and****radiotherapy** **Carolyn Mcrae** |
| **3.10pm – 3.30pm** | **Legal support in mesothelioma – what a specialist nurse needs to know****Helen Jones**  |
| **3.30pm – 3.50pm** | **Nursing Research – How to get involved?** **Angela Todd** |
| **3.50pm – 4.20pm** | **Reflections & Discussion**  |

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