**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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