# Checklist for *Principles of multidisciplinary care*

Use the checklist below to assess whether the systems in place for MDC for patients with cancer at your institution are in line with the Principles of Multidisciplinary Care.

| Principle of care | Yes/No |
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| Team  |  |
| Is there an established multidisciplinary team comprising all core disciplines integral to good patient care? |  |
| Is the patient’s GP included as a team member and kept informed of team activity? |  |
| Have referral links been established with non-core team specialist services (e.g. genetic counselling, physiotherapy)? |  |
| Communication |  |
| Are regular multidisciplinary team meetings held to discuss treatment planning?  |  |
| Has a communications framework been established to facilitate case discussion by all members? |  |
| Do all core disciplines attend the multidisciplinary team meetings – diagnostic, treatment and supportive care? |  |
| Is there a protocol to decide which patients should be discussed at multidisciplinary team meetings? |  |
| Full therapeutic range |  |
| Do all patients have access to relevant services? |  |
| Standards of care |  |
| Are protocols and clinical pathways available? If yes, are processes in place to ensure that local practice is in line with guidelines? |  |
| Are patient preferences discussed in multidisciplinary team meetings? |  |
| Are all relevant test results, reports and films available during multidisciplinary meetings? |  |
| Is the number of cases seen at the site small? If yes, are collaborative links with larger units/centres in place? |  |
| Are professional development activities held regularly? |  |
| **Involvement of the patient** |  |
| Are patients routinely offered information about all aspects of their treatment choices? |  |
| Are patients routinely given information about and access to supportive care services? |  |
| Are patients informed that their care is discussed in a multidisciplinary forum? |  |
| Is patient consent obtained according to local protocol? |  |
| Are patients informed who the ‘team leader’ is? |  |