

Clinical Oncology Undergraduate Committee

Committee Member Role Description

The Committee reports to the Medical Director, Education and Training (MDET), Clinical Oncology and the Specialty Training Board (STB).

The role of the committee is to:

- raise awareness among medical students and residents in foundation year (FY) and internal medicine training (IMT) programmes of the critical role of oncology in healthcare, its appropriate use, and limitations:
- raise awareness of the specialty of clinical oncology (CO) among medical students, FY, and IMT residents and to promote it as an attractive career option.

Eligibility and terms of office

- Consultant members should be Fellows of the RCR in good standing, resident in the UK and in active clinical practice
- CO resident members should be Members or Fellows of the RCR in good standing, resident in the UK and either currently in UK specialty training or on approved out of programme activity
- Undergraduate members should be in their third year or above of medical school and have demonstrable interest in oncology
- FY and IMT residents should ideally be in the first year of their training programme or on approved out of programme activity and have demonstrable interest in oncology
- All members should have a demonstrable interest in education and be actively involved in undergraduate, foundation year or Internal Medicine Training education
- The term of office for consultant and CO resident members will be three years with the option of being re-appointed for one further term of three years
- The term of office for undergraduates, FY and IMT resident members will be two years or until
 completion of their FY or IMT training

Roles and responsibilities

Members will be required to take a leading role in promoting the specialty to undergraduates, FY, and IMT residents which may include, but will not be limited to, the following:



- Promoting the RCR undergraduate non-surgical oncology curriculum
- Identifying, promoting, and supporting undergraduate oncological societies and encouraging their creation in all medical schools
- Facilitating networking opportunities for societies to communicate ideas and resources
- Identifying, creating and/or commissioning oncology-focused undergraduate teaching resources
- Activities to promote CO as a career option, including but not limited to the annual Clinical Oncology Careers Day and recruitment webinars
- Judging of applications for awards and bursaries aimed at promoting CO to undergraduates, FY, and IMT residents

Time commitment

The committee is expected to meet three times per year, virtually. It is expected that members will carry out the bulk of Committee work remotely by email.

