

'Spotlight on' series

Training during online MDT meetings

Multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings offer oncology trainees the opportunity to observe and participate in nuanced discussions about treatment. Here are some key tips from fellow clinical oncologists for making the most of these meetings.

1 Preparation



Give trainees time to review cases before the meeting.

Consider whether trainees could sit alongside radiologists as they prepare imaging;

- **Sitting with the chair** can also be valuable learning experience.

Designate cases for the trainee to present and lead discussions on;

- **Presenting cases** where there is clinical equipoise in terms of management may be more valuable than ones where treatment is more clear cut.

2 Location



Having trainee and trainer in the same room facilitates discussion of cases.

Alternatively, set up a separate virtual meeting.

3 Introductions



Encourage the chair to introduce the trainee to the MDT.

4 During the meeting



Allow trainees the opportunity to present cases.

Encourage trainees to give an opinion.

Support trainees to ask questions openly.

Give senior trainees the chance to chair the meeting.

Encourage the trainee to annotate the meeting list.

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After the meeting



Allow time for a debrief.

Highlight important learning points.

Feedback on presentation skills and participation.

Consider completing a workplace based assessment.

Encourage suggestions from trainees on how to maximise their learning.