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Speaker Biography

Dr Elaine Lennan

Elaine Lennan has been a cancer nurse for over 30 years. She began her nurse training in Liverpool in 1994 and moved to London to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases. From there she went to Australia for a working holiday and stayed for 10 years! It was in Australia Elaine found oncology and gained extensive experience in medical oncology, haematology, bone marrow transplant and HIV nursing. She studied for an oncology certificate in the NSW College of Nursing and gained a degree in nursing from the University of Sydney in 1994. Her final role in Australia was as a clinical nurse educator in a BMT unit and a senior lecturer in the NSW College of Nursing.



On returning to England Elaine moved to Southampton and began a role as a clinical nurse specialist for IV therapy. Later moving into a managerial role as the senior nurse for the cancer care directorate and finally in 2004 securing a position as Consultant Nurse in Chemotherapy. Elaine continued her academic career and gained a Masters degree from Portsmouth University in 1999 and a PhD in 2009. Her thesis is entitled Non-medical prescribing: Using 4th generation evaluation to engage health service users to implement change or a working title of "What are the views of stakeholders about non-medical prescribing of chemotherapy?" Elaine has several publications and has presented at local, national and international level. She is on the editorial board for Cancer Nursing practice and has recently published a text book called Women's cancers.

Until recently Elaine was an elected board member of UKONS and is now a member of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care Committee. She was a clinical advisor for the NCEPOD audit into deaths from Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) and is currently trustee of Oakhaven Hospice Lymington. Most recently she has become a representative for Wessex on the chemotherapy clinical reference group within NHS England.

Her current work areas are varied. Elaine has a joint appointment with University Hospital Southampton where she is a consultant nurse in chemotherapy practice and the University of Southampton where she splits her time between an MSc in Cancer Palliative and End of Life Care and research. Elaine currently holds a research fellowship from Health Education Wessex where her study is examining the use of the ipsilateral arm for chemotherapy administration in breast cancer. In addition Elaine is an external examiner for Queens University Belfast. Her specific interest in cancer care relates to supportive care particularly the management of nausea and vomiting and vascular access.

Elaine has just completed an MSc in Healthcare leadership with the NHS Leadership academy and University of Birmingham.