

Clinical oncology reflection example: CPD

Title and description of activity or event

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A patient discussed in the MDT who had a tumour of proven mixed histological type, then referred to me for management.

Which category of activity does this match?

CPD - keeping up to date

What have you learned as a result of the activity?

- * Patients do have documented tumours of mixed histology but I see no more than one of this type per year.
- * I performed a literature search and found no new papers / publications on this condition to help with management of this patient.

What has been the short and long term impact on your professional practice and patient care?

- * This reminded me that tumours are heterogeneous and small biopsies can lead to tissue sampling errors. It contributes to the understanding of why patients can exhibit a differential response to treatment.
- * Unprompted, the histopathologist had compared both samples (although he had not formally reported both) and checked the laboratory QA procedures to rule out sample mislabelling.

State any action points to be carried out following this activity

- * Be aware that rarities do happen.