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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide Area of Focused Competence (AFC) directors with the AFC-Standards of Accreditation as they relate to the AFC program in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Oncology. It should be read in conjunction with the *Competency Training Requirements for the Area of Focused Competence in AYA Oncology* and the *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) Programs – C Standards*.

A university wishing to have an accredited program in AYA Oncology must have accredited programs in Hematology, Medical Oncology, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, and Radiation Oncology.

## STANDARD C1: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

**There must be an appropriate administrative structure for each AYA Oncology program.**

Please refer to Standard C1 in the *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) Programs – C Standards* for the interpretation of this standard.

The AFC director must have Royal College certification in one of Hematology, Medical Oncology, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, or Radiation Oncology, and must have demonstrated clinical expertise in AYA Oncology.

The AFC training committee must include representatives from each of the entry disciplines, from oncofertility, and from at least one of the following behavioural medicine professions: psychosocial oncology, Psychiatry, social work, psychology, or spiritual services.

## STANDARD C2: RESOURCES

**There must be sufficient resources including teaching faculty, the number and variety of patients, physical and technical resources, as well as the supporting facilities and services necessary to provide the opportunity for all AFC trainees in the AFC program to achieve the educational objectives and receive full training as defined by the AYA Oncology requirements.**

### **1. Teaching Faculty**

There must be a sufficient number of staff to teach, supervise, and assess the AFC trainees.

There must be at least one fertility expert as part of the teaching faculty.

### **2. Number and Variety of Patients**

There must be a sufficient number and variety of patients to meet the educational needs of the AFC trainees.

The program's total patient volume must be more than 150 new diagnoses of cancer per year in the AYA age group, and total adult patient volume must be more than 5000 new diagnoses of cancer per year.

### **3. Clinical Services Specific to AYA Oncology**

There must be ambulatory clinics in hematology, medical oncology, pediatric hematology/oncology, and radiation oncology.

There must be an ambulatory followup clinic providing care to survivors of childhood cancer.

There must be radiation oncology and medical oncology treatment units.

### **4. Supporting Facilities and Services**

There must be supporting services in fertility, palliative care, and psychosocial oncology.

There must be medical imaging and diagnostic services in pathology and laboratory medicine.

The interprofessional team should include advanced practice nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists, psychologists, social workers, clinical ethicists, and spiritual service providers.

The program must provide AFC trainees with appropriate resources, time, and supervision to participate in a scholarly research, quality assurance, or educational project.

## **STANDARD C3: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**There must be a defined educational program that includes clinical, academic, and scholarly content relevant to AYA Oncology. The program must be designed to ensure that each AFC trainee is able to achieve all the competencies as outlined in the AFC-specific *Competency Training Requirements*.**

Please refer to Standard C3 in the *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) Programs – C Standards* for the interpretation of this standard.

The *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence Programs* apply to this section.

**STANDARD C4: COMPETENCY-BASED ASSESSMENT OF TRAINEE PERFORMANCE**

**There must be mechanisms in place to ensure the systematic collection and interpretation of assessment data on each trainee enrolled in the AYA Oncology program.**

Please refer to Standard C4 in the *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) Programs – C Standards* for the interpretation of this standard.

In addition to the *General Standards for Areas of Focused Competence Programs*, the following requirement applies:

- Trainees must maintain the Royal College AYA Oncology logbook.

This document is to be reviewed by the AFC Committee in Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology by December 31, 2017.

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