
Audit 3

1) Audit Title

Adequate discussion of treatment proposals of oncological patients in a multi-disciplinary meeting (MDM)/tumour board

2) Standard against which the audit topic is to be compared.

This audit can include various treatment indications. The best use cases can be found in oncology because the patients have to undergo interdisciplinary discussion in a tumor board repeatedly (sometimes for several years). If the audit should be focused on radiology only, typical indications in interventional radiology would be appropriate. For other disciplines typical high-volume treatments (e.g., liver resection, start of chemotherapy etc.) can also be included

3) Source of standard (or reference document)

An interdisciplinary discussion is requested in the majority of guidelines for most treatments; in addition, several societies are requesting a similar approach for certifications.

4) Type of audit – clinical, patient focussed, workflow related

This is a clinical audit – incorrect or suboptimal treatment decisions might increase the risk of treatment failure, potentially therefore also EU-BSS related.

5) Target / compliance percentage to be achieved

To be discussed and agreed locally, compliance with targets should be encouraged and a 100% figure for compliance with agreed targets could be considered.

6) Item or variable to be audited

Completion rate of an interdisciplinary discussion of oncological patients in a tumour board prior to initiating treatment

7) Method: Retrospective / Prospective / Other

Due to electronic documentation of a tumour board, such events can be recorded prospectively; retrospective post-hoc analysis can also be considered

8) Data or information to be collected

Presentation / discussion of a particular patient in an interdisciplinary tumour board.

9) Sample details (categories, number of patients, collection time period)

Typical time periods are one year for the audit.

10) Target achieved (yes / no / not applicable)

Compliance with standards (completion rate >95%): yes/no.

11) Actions to be taken if the target is not met

Internal guideline. Change of workflow. Improve communication. Review staff training. Educational sessions.

12) Timing for re-audit (yes / no / not applicable)

The audit should be repeated periodically to confirm compliance with standards.