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- **Medical oncology** ^[1]

Medical oncologists are doctors who diagnose, assess, treat and manage patients with cancers (malignant tumours) and conduct translational research (ie research that has practical applications).

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine, MBBS. 2 years foundation doctor training, 2 years core training (CT1-2), followed by 4 years specialists training (ST3-6). This period of training will include your royal college exams. Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

Expected working hours and salary range

Doctors may work up to 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day to include early mornings, evenings and weekends, on call possible. Pay scales (2017): Consultants earn between £76,761 and £103,490.

Desirable skills and values

For this role you will be an advocate for promoting awareness of the principles of good cancer care. This will be supported by your good time and resource management capabilities. You'll have excellent communication skills, communicating with patients on shared patient decision making. This will be supported by your excellent team working and leadership skills, often working in multidisciplinary teams.

Prospects

There are 376 consultants in medical oncology in England in 2016. Opportunities exist for research and teaching.

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