Retinoblastoma (Ocular Oncology)

Ocular Oncology

Qualifications: MBBS, MS/MD/DNB/DO/DOMS

Observership – One to three months duration.

Basic Level Goals:

Year I equivalent: trainee ophthalmologist, any grade, not expecting to specialize in ocular oncology.

A. Cognitive Skills

- I. Describe the basic categorization of common intraocular tumors.**
- 2. Describe the clinical features of the major types of ocular tumor.**
- Describe the symptoms and clinical manifestations indicating the presence of an ocular tumor (eg, leukocoria, sentinel vessels).***
- Describe the differential diagnosis of the major tumors.***
- Describe the examinations and tests by which ocular tumors are diagnosed.***
- 6. Describe the systemic features of ocular tumors and how these features are detected.***
- 7. Describe the basic management principles of ocular tumors.**

B. Technical Skills

- I. Perform slit-lamp and ophthalmoscopic examination of patients with an ocular tumor.**
- Recognize an ocular tumor and refer to an ocular oncology subspecialist.***
- Contribute to the care of patients after treatment.***

Standard Level Goals:

Year 2 equivalent: senior general ophthalmologist who may need to diagnose and refer patients with an ocular tumor and collaborate with an ocular oncologist in long-term aftercare.

A. Cognitive Skills

- Describe the classification of intra ocular tumors
- 2. Describe the clinical features of ocular tumors and their secondary effects.***

- 3. List the differential diagnosis for each of the ocular tumors.**
- 4. Describe diagnostic techniques for ocular tumors (eg, examination under anesthesia for pediatric tumors, imaging, laboratory tests, oncology referral).** Describe indications and contraindications for the various diagnostic techniques.**
- Describe the management options for ocular tumors with indications and contraindications for each form of management.***
- 6. Describe the complications of ocular therapy and their management.**
- 7. Describe basic histopathology of tumors, including immunohistochemistry.***
- 8. Describe the prognosis of the different types of ocular tumor.**
- 9. Describe the epidemiology of the more common tumors

B. Technical Skills

- I. Perform naked-eye examination
- 2. Perform palpation of cervical lymph nodes.**
- 3. Perform slit-lamp examination, gonioscopy, and indirect ophthalmoscopy to diagnose and localize ocular tumors.***
- 4. Perform transillumination for intraocular tumors.**
- 5. Perform B-scan ultrasonography to detect and measure intraocular tumors.***
- 6. Perform sequential examination to assess the tumor over time
- 7. Guide evaluation for systemic disease (eg, metastases, primary tumor, syndromes).***
- 8. Perform excision of conjunctival tumors, avoiding seeding, or refer to an ocular oncology subspecialist for such surgery if possible.**
- 9. Collaborate with subspecialist in the preoperative care and referral of selected patients with an ocular tumor, avoiding potential pitfalls.**
- 10. Provide short-term and long-term postoperative care to patients with an ocular tumor, collaborating with a subspecialist and other health care workers as appropriate.**

- II. Investigate and manage ocular complications as appropriate (eg, radiation retinopathy, macular edema, cataract, glaucoma).***
- 12. Interpret the results of laboratory investigations and adjust management accordingly.***
- 13. Discuss prognosis and various management options with patients and their families in a detailed, ethical, and compassionate manner.***