

My day with Oncology Pharmacy - Ireland

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1. Introduction

In the form of an ESOP survey in March and April 2022, professionals were asked about their working situation in preparation of ready-to-use cytotoxic drugs. All relevant daily working processes and activities in prescription and validation of cytotoxic drugs and also their clinical pharmaceutical support in patient care are addressed. This poster presents the country specific evaluation.

2. Material and method

The survey with 18 questions was translated into different languages and performed nationally using a web based application.

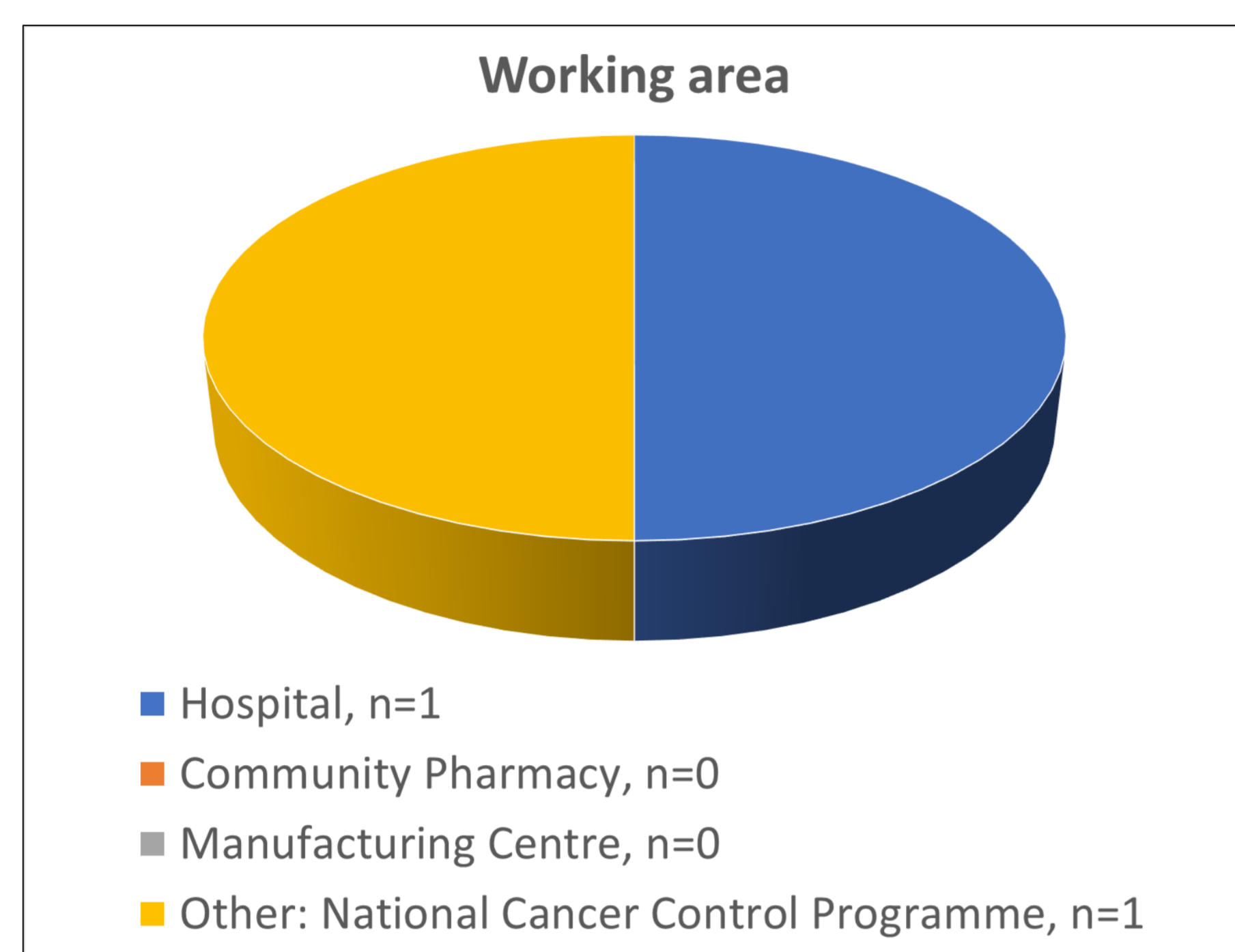


Fig.1: Area of work for survey respondents, n=2

- Manufacture patient specific infusions
- Validate the physician's prescription
- Produce the infusion
- Release the prepared solutions

Fig.2: Tasks carried out by the hospital pharmacist respondent, n=1

3. Results and discussion

There were two respondents from Ireland. Both respondents were pharmacists. One worked in hospital pharmacy, while the second pharmacist worked in the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP). The majority of the questions were not applicable to the pharmacist working in the NCCP.

The hospital pharmacist spends on average 7 hours working with oncology pharmacy per day. Daily activities for the hospital pharmacist include validation of the physician's prescription, producing the infusion and release of the prepared solution. Paper written prescriptions are used in the hospital in which the hospital pharmacist works. The hospital pharmacist has contact with oncology patients, but direct consultation with cancer patients is not carried out generally.



Fig.3: Patient consultation

Neither respondent carried out direct patient consultations, n=2

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Conclusion

Given that there were only two respondents to the survey in Ireland, the results are not a true reflection of pharmacists' daily activities in relation to oncology pharmacy in Ireland and only limited information can be extracted from the results.

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