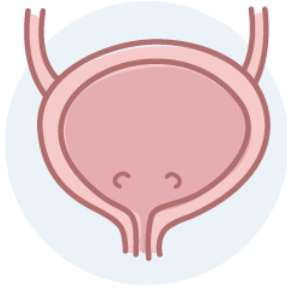


Foundations of Cancer Disease Sites Series



Bladder Cancer

COURSE SYLLABUS (CDSM00BLADDERODM24)

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Course Format: eLearning

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Registration: Required

Prerequisite: *Foundations in Oncology Nursing Practice or Cancer Care Basics*

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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Bladder cancer is the most common malignancy of the urinary tract and the fourth most commonly diagnosed cancer in men in Canada. Fortunately, more than half of bladder cancers are diagnosed early, at stage 0.

This course will introduce you to bladder cancer epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, and treatment, covering the foundational knowledge you need to provide nursing care to patients with bladder cancer. This online course will build on what you learned in *Foundations of Oncology Nursing Practice* or *Cancer Care Basics*.

This course consists of **two modules** in total. The first module, *Pathology and Epidemiology*, will cover the normal anatomy of the bladder, and the risk factors that put people at higher risk of bladder cancer development. The second module, *Diagnosis, Staging and Treatment*, will cover the presenting symptoms, diagnostic tests, staging, treatment, and nursing considerations during and after treatment. The **final quiz** consists of a case study where you will apply your knowledge to the care of a particular patient living with bladder cancer.

Although you can complete the various components of the course at your own pace, the course must be completed within **6 weeks from the time you register** for the course (this date can be found on the course information page in *My Account*).

About the *Foundations of Cancer Disease Sites Series*

The *Foundations of Cancer Disease Sites Series* will consist of **over twenty cancer disease site courses** that you can select and combine to fit your clinical practice needs. The first disease sites courses in the series are:

- Bladder Cancer
- Brain Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Esophageal Cancer
- Head and Neck Cancers
- Hematological Malignancies (Multiple Myeloma, Lymphoma, and Leukemia)
- Kidney Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Ovarian Cancer
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Sarcoma
- Skin Cancer
- Stomach Cancer
- Testicular Cancer

We will continue to update and add cancer disease sites to the course series:

<https://www.desouzainstitute.com/cdsm>

B. de Souza DESIGNATION CREDITS

Domain of Practice Treatment and Delivery of Evidence Based Care

Learning Hours 3 hours

de Souza Credit *You must complete a **minimum of 3** foundations of disease sites courses to earn de Souza credits.*

3 disease sites = 0.125 credits

6 disease sites = 0.25 credits

9 disease sites = 0.325 credits

12+ disease sites = 0.5 credits

C. COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Locate the gross anatomical features of the bladder and surrounding region.
- Recognize the common and rare pathological subtypes of bladder cancer.
- Describe the trends in bladder cancer incidence and mortality over the last decades.
- List factors that put a person at higher risk of developing bladder cancer and describe the relationship between smoking and bladder cancer.
- List the prognostic factors that put a person at higher risk of dying from bladder cancer.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of bladder cancer.
- Describe the function of urine tests, bloods tests, cystoscopy, medical imaging, flow cytometry, and biopsy in the diagnosis of bladder cancer.
- Apply the TNM staging system to bladder cancer.
- Compare the types and goals of treatment used to treat stage 0-IV bladder cancer, including transurethral resection, cystectomy, intravesical therapy, radiation therapy, systemic chemotherapy, and checkpoint inhibitors.
- Compare and contrast the three major categories of urinary diversion procedures.
- Anticipate the complications that may occur after the different treatment modalities.

D. MODE OF LEARNING

The eLearning environment fosters a self-directed approach. You can progress through the modules and exercises at a time that is convenient for you.

- **eLearning Modules:** Modules were developed by the de Souza education team to reflect the latest knowledge in bladder cancer. The content is up-to-date and includes interactive application exercises and links to the latest clinical guidelines.
- **Study Guides:** A printable study guide is available for each module that you can print and fill in as you progress through the interactive course modules.

E. MODES OF EVALUATION

As part of the evaluation process, you are required to complete the following:

- **Participant Baseline Survey:** This survey assesses your knowledge, attitude, and confidence before you begin the eLearning modules for the course.
- **eLearning modules:** You must complete all modules by course end date.
- **Final Quiz:** There is one case-study based quiz in this course consisting of 8 questions. You must answer 6/8 questions correctly (75%) to pass. **Note:** the quiz is open book, and you have two attempts at the quiz to achieve a passing grade. You are required to complete the quiz independently.
- **Participant Post-course Evaluation:** At the end of the course, you will be required to complete a “Participant Post Survey” where you can provide your feedback on whether the content met your professional practice needs. These surveys are facilitated electronically through eLearning

When you have successfully met all the above requirements, you will receive **3 learning hours** as well as credit towards obtaining your de Souza designation. An email will be sent to you containing instructions on how to download your **certificate of completion** via your “My account”.

F. EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

To be successful in completing this course, you are encouraged to set aside 1 to 2 hours each week to complete each section as learning is self-directed. The total learning hours for this course is **3 hours**.

A writable study guide is available to download and fill in if you wish. The study guide is not mandatory and completion of it is not included in the learning hours. If you do complete the study guide, you will have a copy of the course content for your future reference; once you complete the course you will no longer have access to the course modules and resources. There are several printable documents throughout the course, which you may want to save or print out.

Your course activity completion will be reflected in your **grade book**. You are expected to complete all modules and all other course requirements within **6 weeks** from the time you register for the course.

G. COURSE EDUCATORS'

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H. EDUCATOR AVAILABILITY

This course is **self-directed**. However, a course educator is available to:

- Answer your questions related to course content.
- Monitor the registration process.
- Be available to you for questions throughout the course.

You can expect the facilitator to respond to your questions within 24 hours during the week and within 48 hours on the weekend.

Contact Information and Technical Support: is available by contacting support@desouzainstitute.com

I. VIRTUAL LIBRARY

de Souza Institute has a virtual library that can be accessed to those registered in this course or any other de Souza Institute continuing education program. This resource enables you to access over 1500 e-Journals, 200 e-books and 8 on-line databases such as CINAHL or Ovid-Medline. You can use the virtual library to access the required reading materials for your course. The virtual library can be accessed 24 hours a day at any location that has internet access using a login and password.

The direct link is <https://library.desouzainstitute.com/login>.

J. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

eLearning Centre Orientation

The eLearning Centre Orientation [Course: eLearning Centre Orientation \(ELRN01AUG24\) | eLearning Centre](#) tells you what you need to know about eLearning and how to navigate through the de Souza Institute eLearning centre and courses. It is **strongly** recommended that you complete this very short free course.

de Souza Institute Support

If you need assistance accessing or navigating the eLearning Centre, please refer to the eLearning Orientation course. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact support@desouzainstitute.com.

K. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Click the links below to review de Souza's Policies.

[Academic Honesty and Copyright Policy](#)

[Cancellations, Incomplete and No Show Policy](#)

[Request for Accommodation Policy](#)