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**MEDICAL  
ONCOLOGY  
ROTATION**





# ROTATION EMPHASIS

- Practical oncology in dogs (75%) and cats (25%)
  - Occasional consultation on other species
- Intern candidates – aim to take rotation earlier in year (Nov/Dec or earlier); otherwise anytime
- Clinic schedule:
  - Monday – Thursday: 4-6 new patients, 10-20 recheck patients
  - Friday: rare urgent or emergency patients
  - Transfers possible any morning (mostly M-F)
  - Incorporated with radiation oncology
  - Rare weekend or inpatient duty

# DIDACTIC SCHEDULE

- Monday – Thursday:
  - Morning rounds (8-9): surgical oncology, anatomic pathology, ACVIM topic rounds, oncology topic rounds, opportunity to join Carbone Cancer Center grand rounds
  - Afternoon rounds (3-4): review patients seen that day
- Friday: heavier rounding day
  - Cytology rounds, communication rounds, radiation therapy patients, +/- topic rounds
- Preparation: review 3<sup>rd</sup> year notes, Withrow & MacEwen textbook, online resources (Pubmed, VIN)

# WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Primary responsibility = new patients
  - Review records
  - Talk to clients, perform examination
  - Discuss diagnostic plan
  - Staging and diagnostics
    - Radiology
    - Clinical and anatomic pathology
  - Discuss treatment plan
    - Administer chemotherapy
- Secondary responsibility = recheck patients
  - Patients actively undergoing chemotherapy
  - Patients being restaged

\*We do not require patient diagnosis of cancer to be seen!\*

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Lots of client communication!
- Discussion of quality of life, tailoring treatment options to individual patient/client
- Integration with other services
- Grateful clients
- Wonderful patients 😊





# QUESTIONS?

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