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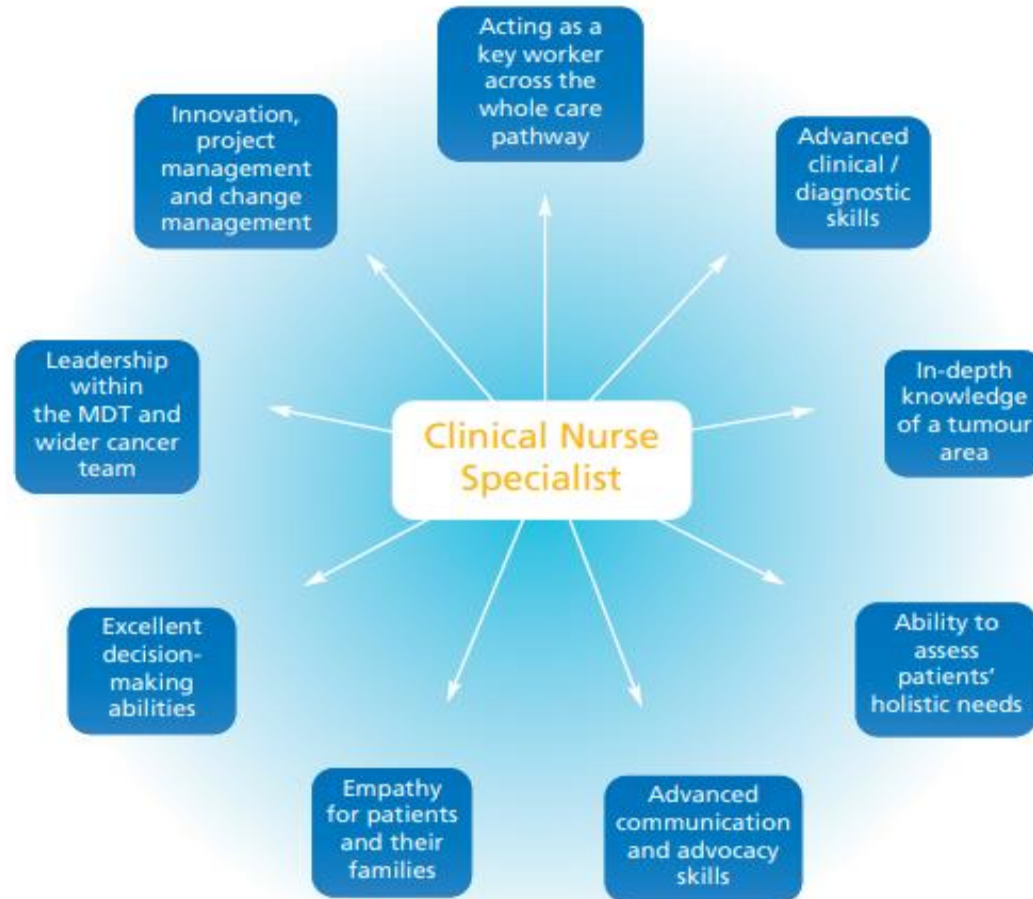
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Key contributions that CNSs make to cancer care



The Value of a dedicated nurse/case manager in Thymic Malignancies



- Managing each patient as individual
- Complex and often challenges of diagnosis
- Multi faced due to other associated conditions
- Understanding impact of rare cancer and providing specialist advice
- Often younger age group- want information/transparency
- Coordinating care within Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) (being point of contact/stability)
- Advocate for the patient and family- listening (bridging gap with clinician)
- Awareness of developments in area/current research. What is there next?
- Linking with other patients
- Knowing patients for duration of cancer journey/surveillance- form close relationship
- Navigating 'living with the diagnosis' over number of years



Future developments for Thymic CNS role

- Development of more Thymic “Link CNS ” nationally/ internationally
- BTOG Thymic SIG attendance BTOG /ITMIG annual conference/LCNUK – education event
- Continue role within Thymic UK- focus on May awareness month/ /Patient webinars/ meetings
- Involved with UK Registry for Thymic Epithelial Tumours (Guys leading project)