Aim
To develop an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) led model of care for patients receiving OAM and to transition this from a hospital to a community setting.

Qualitative Study
Telephone interviews with patients (n=9) and 3 focus groups via Zoom™ with health care professionals (n=24).

Using thematic analysis (Braun & Clarke, 2008) 4 themes were generated:

1. Reflection on the pre-COVID-19 system demonstrated agreement that this should not be reverted to.
2. ANP perceived as being ideally placed to deliver care for this cohort of patients.
3. Robust communication with patients and with the multi-disciplinary team was vital for OAM care delivery.
4. An integrated model of ANP-led care has significant benefits, with additional infrastructural requirements identified for this model.

Development of an ANP-led integrated model for OAM care

Patient assessed by consultant
Decision to commence OAM. Patient consented.
Pre-education with Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS).
Cycle 1 & 2 treatment given in oncology day unit
When patient stable (post cycle 2) refer to ANP
Initial ANP assessment in community setting

Pathway for care escalation, ANP support and two way communication with Consultant
Ongoing patient monitoring
Interval/repeated ANP physical assessment for continuation of treatment in community setting and/or once stable, virtual assessments for appropriate patients then physical assessment every 3rd cycle as required.
ANP attends weekly oncology team meeting & discusses patient with consultant as required

Adjuvant: OAM treatment completed. Review by ANP 3-4/52 post OAM completion
Complete discharge letter to GP & refer patient for surveillance

Palliative: Disease progression or intolerance to OAM. Discuss with consultant, agree plan. ANP discusses plan with patient
Discontinue OAM
Refer patient for consultant review or discharge to GP +/- Palliative Care Team

Model presented to advisory board consisting of national subject experts (n=12).
Proceed to pilot (January 2022)

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