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## Administrative Medicine Part II Fellowship Examination 2009

Q4. You are the Service Director (Clinical Service) of a regional hospital serving a population of one million. As part of the Resource Allocation Exercise (RAE), the Head Office has invited you to prepare a bid to build a Radiotherapy unit with three Linear Accelerators which would serve the patients of your cluster. They have asked for a detailed business case, clinical services plan and project development plan so that they have a clear understanding of what will be involved.

Describe your approach to the preparation of this business case and project development plan.



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## Q4 Key Points

For Examiner

- 1. Three components
  - a. Clinical service plan with attention to projected numbers of patients.
  - b. Facility plan for the project.
  - c. Business case
    - i. Revenue streams.
- 2. Leadership
  - a. Big job unlikely to lead the process totally oneself, engage others in the executive.
  - b. Engage consultant/s.
  - c. Talk with public hospital counterparts.
  - d. Group of stakeholders. Talk with others who have worked on such projects.
  - e. Current oncologists' opinions.
- 3. Clinical service plan
  - a. How many people will need the service? What do we have now? How are these patients being taken care of currently? Relationship to Strategic Service Plan?
  - b. What are the gaps?
  - c. What model of service will we provide? Relationship with medical oncology, rehabilitation, pain management, palliative care, lymphoedema?
  - d. What clinical staff / expertise will be required? Multidisciplinary clinics?
  - e. Community / advocacy expectations?
  - f. Expected clinical activity numbers of patients, nos of treatments, forms of treatment, forms of cancer treated, expected outcomes
- 4. Health facility plan
  - a. Functional areas
    - i. Reception, waiting, administrative.
    - ii. Radioactive material transfer and storage areas.
    - iii. Film processing, reporting.
    - iv. Staff areas.



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- b. Patient treatment areas
  - i. Planning, simulation, holding.
  - ii. Consultation rooms / offices.
- c. Tutorial, case conference, patient meeting rooms.
- d. Function relationships
  - i. Within unit imaging etc.
  - ii. Proximity to inpatient areas, outpatient waiting areas.
  - iii. Access wheelchair / trolley, parking.
- 5. Business case
  - a. What is it 'costing' now and who is paying?
  - b. What will it cost to build, to operate?
  - c. What are the risks?