

## Significant event audit form

Please complete this form and add it to your **Appraisal and Revalidation portfolio**.

### Title of significant event and date

*Missed diagnosis of cancer.*

### Date of significant event meeting and the report compiled

*May 2005.*

*Nov. 2005.*

### Why is this case significant to you?

*Patient seen by 2 other partners with tongue leukoplakia over 4 months. Saw me and then referred – found to have carcinoma of the tongue.*

### Why did it happen?

*Poor awareness of potential pathology and significance of symptoms.*

*Being ignorant of diagnosis it is too easy to think something will resolve spontaneously or that someone else will pick up on it.*

*Lack of continuity – first doctor probably thought it was insignificant and so was not followed up with a return consultation.*

### What have you learned?

*Don't ignore patient when comes back with same clinical problem.*

### What have you changed?

*Practice policy for 'diagnosis uncertain' is now to refer or ask rather than wait.*

*Bringing cases to clinical meeting with digital photographs to discuss clinical case.*

Name:

Signed:

Date: