

NCRI and NIHR Research in Acute Oncology and Cancer of Unknown Primary Workshop



This workshop brings together experts and stakeholders in acute oncology and cancer of unknown primary research to help set the NCRI and NIHR Clinical Research Network agenda in these areas.

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Wednesday 7th March 2018, 10.15–16.00

**Roseberry Room, Sadlers Wells Theatre,
Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4TN**

Agenda

09:45	Arrival and registration	
10.15	The NCRI and NIHR Clinical Research Network agenda	Prof Matt Seymour, <i>NCRI</i>
10.25	Session 1 Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP): diagnostic pathway and treatment – Chair Dr Pauline Leonard	
10.25	Introduction	Dr Pauline Leonard, <i>Whittington Health</i>
10.35	The national data on CUP	Ms Lucy Elliss-Brookes, <i>Public Health England</i>
10.50	An unmet need – the consumer and international research perspectives	Dr John Symons, <i>Cancer of Unknown Primary Foundation-Jo's friends</i>
11.05	Lessons learnt from CUP1	Dr Harpreet Wasan, <i>Imperial College Healthcare</i>
11.20	New diagnostic technology	Dr Natalie Cook and Dr Alicia-Marie Conway, <i>The Christie NHS Foundation Trust</i>
11.35	Tea/coffee	
11.50	Commercial trials proposals for CUP patients	Dr Kai-Keen Shiu, <i>University College London Hospital</i>
12.05	Molecular archaeology of cancer – perspectives for application to CUP	Dr Peter Van Loo, <i>Francis Crick Institute</i>
12.20	Collecting experience data from patients with CUP – recent findings and related complexities	Dr Richard Wagland, <i>University of Southampton</i>
12.35	Lunch	
13.30	Session 2 Acute oncology: supportive and emergency care – Chair Prof Sam Ahmedzai	
13.30	Introduction	Dr Ernie Marshall, <i>Clatterbridge Cancer centre</i>
13.40	Determining GI toxicity of immunotherapies	Dr Neil Steven, <i>University of Birmingham</i>
13.55	Prognostic markers and performance status – an opportunity for research	Dr Barry Laird, <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
14.10	Tea/coffee	
14.25	Session 3 Setting the NCRI and NIHR Clinical Research Network agenda – Chair Prof Matt Seymour	
	Study proposals and ideas for research	



14.25	Enhanced supportive care clinics: a future strategy for delivering acute oncology ambulatory care and research	Dr Tim Cooksley, <i>The Christie NHS Foundation Trust</i>
14.35	Utilising genomic medicine to rapidly diagnose carcinoma of unknown primary	Dr Andrew Beggs, <i>University of Birmingham</i>
14.45	Group discussions	All participants and funder representatives
15.10	Feedback from group discussions	
15.30	Conclusions from the day	
16.00	Close	



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Speaker Biographies

Dr Pauline Leonard

Dr Pauline Leonard graduated from St Georges Hospital Medical School in 1992. She obtained MRCP in 1995 and started her specialist training as a Medical Oncologist later that year after completing her medical training. She completed her training at UCLH obtaining her CCST in 2002 later completing a MD in Gene expression profiling in Osteosarcoma. She was appointed as Consultant Medical Oncologist in 2002 at Southend University NHS Foundation Trust subspecialising in Gastrointestinal & Lung malignancy.

After 7 years in a Cancer centre and working as a visiting Oncologist to a cancer unit she took up her current post as managing patients with Lung & Gastrointestinal malignancies

She set up the first fully comprehensive Acute Oncology service in London and believes teams can work more effectively incorporating the specialist skills of an Oncologist to help manage suspected cancer patients to tailor more appropriate investigations so ensuring rapid diagnosis in those fit for an intervention and timely referral to those who may never benefit or be fit for any treatment because of poor performance status or co-morbidities.

Professor Prof Matt Seymour

Professor Matt Seymour is Professor of GI Medical Oncology in Leeds, and has led several national phase III trials, together with associated research in predictive biomarkers and frailty-based dose adaptation. He is also Clinical Lead for the NIHR Clinical Research Network in England, heading up a cluster of three specialties including Cancer. He is Director of Clinical Research for the National Cancer Research Institute.

Ms Lucy Elliss-Brookes

Ms Lucy Ellis-Brookes has worked in cancer intelligence for nineteen years and currently leads a team of highly skilled cancer analysts and managers responsible for measuring cancer outcomes across England and the UK, supporting national public health and healthcare policies aimed at reducing mortality from cancer. She is also enabling and supporting a range of cancer epidemiology projects involving Public Health England analysis staff and academic partners, as well as establishing analytical partnerships with a number of cancer charities.

Dr John Symons

Dr John Symons is Director of The CUP Foundation – Jo's friends. He was a member of NICE's CUP Guideline Development Group (2008-2010) and the NCAT Peer Review Measures group for CUP (2011-12). As a consumer representative, he has been associated with NCRI Clinical Studies Groups for the last decade. During his career John has held a variety of appointments in Whitehall, The City of London, the charity sector and academia. He has published a book on military history; contributed a book chapter on research methodology; and has some 50 academic and practitioner journal articles published including a number, in recent years, on cancer of unknown primary (CUP)

Dr Harpreet Wasan

Dr Harpreet Wasan leads the gastrointestinal clinical research program at Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London, as Consultant & Reader in Medical Oncology and current Lead for Cancer for The N.W London NIHR Research network. He is the CI of the recently completed CRUK study for cancer of unknown primary (CUP-ONE). NSHE 100k genome GeCip lead for CUP, Advisory Board Member for The Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Foundation (Jo's friends),

helped develop Macmillan patient information, and invited to give support for the NICE CUP guidelines. He is involved in the trial design and management of GI studies.

Dr Natalie Cook

Dr Natalie Cook is a member of the Experimental Cancer Medicine Team at the Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester. She is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester and her research focuses on development of early phase clinical trials of experimental anti-cancer therapies, translational assay development and early phase trials for gastrointestinal cancers. She completed a PhD at the University of Cambridge and in 2012 was awarded the Rothwell Jackson Postgraduate Travelling Fellowship and travelled to Canada to undertake a 2 year drug development research fellowship, based at the University of Toronto and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. She works with her team at the Christie and Professor Caroline Dive at the CRUK Manchester Institute in developing personalised approaches for the treatment of advanced cancer.

Dr Alicia-Marie Conway

Dr Alicia Marie-Conway is currently a Clinical Fellow in the first year of her PhD within the Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology Group at the CRUK Manchester Institute, under the supervision of Professor Caroline Dive.

Alicia undertook her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in Manchester and started an academic Medical Oncology specialist training post at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in 2015. Her PhD is evaluating the role of liquid and tissue biomarkers in Cancer of Unknown Primary with the aim of improving prognostication and stratification of patients to novel and existing therapeutics.

Dr Kai-Keen Shiu

Dr Kai-Keen Shiu is a medical oncology consultant at the Gastrointestinal Oncology Unit at UCLH. He is the Clinical Lead for the Cancer of Unknown Primary Service and the Acute Oncology Service. He is a Chief Investigator and Principal Investigator for a number of national and international gastrointestinal oncology trials, as well as the UK Chief Investigator for the upcoming Randomised Phase II CUP trial MX39795. He is a collaborator in the PEACE (Posthumous tissuE donAtion in CancEr) study, and a member of the CUP and gastrointestinal oncology subgroups at UCLH/the UCL Cancer Institute/Francis Crick Institute. He is the Principal Investigator of the UCL/UCLH Gastrointestinal Cancer and CUP Translational Research Biobank.

Dr Peter Van Loo

Dr Peter Van Loo is Group Leader in Cancer Genomics at the Francis Crick Institute. He developed approaches to study copy-number alterations in cancer genomes at the Institute for Cancer Research and the University of Oslo, which laid the foundation for many further studies in cancer genomics. At the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute he developed a strong focus on “molecular archaeology of cancer” approaches, studying the subclonal architecture and life history of cancer. His research at the Francis Crick Institute leverages the wealth of data from massively parallel sequencing efforts to understand carcinogenesis and cancer evolution. Dr Van Loo was awarded Cancer Research UK's 'Future Leaders in Cancer Research' Prize in 2015.

Dr Richard Wagland

Dr Richard Wagland is a senior research fellow within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Southampton, and teaches on the MSc Clinical Leadership in Cancer, Palliative and End of Life Care (CPEOLC) programme.

The main themes underpinning Richard's research interests include development and impact of patient-reported outcome and experience measures (PROMs/PREMs); supportive self-management in cancer survivorship and the psycho-social, quality of life and care issues concerning patients with cancer of unknown primary (CUP).

Professor Sam Ahmedzai

Professor Sam Ahmedzai is Professor Emeritus at the University of Sheffield, with 30 years' experience as a consultant physician in palliative medicine, covering both acute hospital and



hospice. He is NIHR National Specialty Lead for cancer research with a brief for supportive care and hospice research, and chairs the NCRI Clinical Studies Group on Supportive and Palliative Care. He also works with NICE on producing guidelines, quality standards and technology appraisals relevant to supportive and palliative care. In 2016 Professor Ahmedzai was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the British Thoracic Oncology Group and is Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine in the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Dr Ernie Marshall

Dr Ernie Marshall was appointed at Macmillan Consultant in medical oncology in 1997 and is currently deputy medical director at Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology. His site specialist interest lies in melanoma, lung cancer and supportive care and was a former member of the NCRI melanoma and renal Clinical Studies Groups as well as the Clinical Lead for Cancer Research in Merseyside & Cheshire.

Dr Marshall is a member of NHS England Chemotherapy Clinical Reference Group and current Chair of the national Acute Oncology Expert review group.

Dr Neil Steven

Dr Neil Steven is a consultant in Medical Oncology specialising in treating people with advanced melanoma and Merkel cell cancer. He has extensive experience in the use of immune and targeted therapies and has built a multi-disciplinary framework for managing the complex immune related adverse events which arise from such treatment. This is a developing area of collaborative academic research.

Dr Steven works as part of a multidisciplinary framework in Birmingham including the CR-UK Clinical Trials Unit (CRCTU) and the Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Centre. He has a particular scientific interest in clinical trials of immune therapy for malignant disease and in the immunology of cancers carrying viruses, such as Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCV).

As Deputy Director of the CRCTU, Dr Steven plays a key role in the strategic and scientific development of early phase clinical trials for solid cancers.

Dr Barry Laird

Dr Barry Laird graduated in medicine from the University of Glasgow in 1997 and completed higher specialist training in palliative medicine in 2009. During his training in palliative medicine he was awarded a National Cancer Research Institute Fellowship. He joined the academic palliative medicine department at the University of Edinburgh under Professor Marie Fallon, and completed his MD in cancer induced bone pain and neuropathic cancer pain in 2009. He currently holds positions as a Senior Lecturer in Palliative Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and a consultant in palliative medicine in St Columba's Hospice.

His research interests are focussed around symptoms in life-limiting illness and the role of palliative care in optimising the care of malignant (lung and pancreatic cancer) and non-malignant disease. He leads a research programme examining the systemic inflammatory response in symptom genesis and prognosis in cancer. He has published over 60 papers and is the CI and PI of clinical trials in symptomatology and treatment.

Dr Tim Cooksley

Tim Cooksley is a Consultant in Acute Medicine at the Manchester University Foundation Trust and Honorary Consultant at The Christie. He is also honorary senior lecturer at the University of Manchester. He has been leading developing an acute medicine service at a specialist tertiary cancer hospital.

Tim is editor-in-chief of Acute Medicine and current Treasurer for the Society for Acute Medicine. He is a founder member of safer@home - the first pan European acute medicine research collaborative and is also a member of CONCERN (Comprehensive Oncologic Emergencies Research Network).

Dr Andrew Beggs

Dr Andrew Beggs is a Cancer Research Advanced Clinician Scientist & Reader in Cancer Genetics/Surgery at the University of Birmingham. He runs a research programme in colorectal,



sarcoma and oesophageal cancers and his primary research interest in the molecular determinants of sensitivity to chemoradiotherapy. He is academic lead of the CRUK/MRC Translational Genomics facility at the University and is part of the consortium that recently published (Nature BioTech) the most complete assembly to date of the human genome using Nanopore technology. His laboratory carries out molecular analysis for the S-CORT (colorectal) and OCCAMS (oesophageal) cancer stratified medicine consortia.



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Delegate List

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