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PCN work in the Cancer Conference

The Greater Manchester Cancer Conference will be taking place on Tuesday 18-Wednesday 19th October 2022. This year's themes will be Equality, Innovation and Collaboration.

There will be a plenary addressing the early diagnosis challenge, in which we will be presenting our work with primary care networks, primary care improvements in the lower GI pathway, the self-referral chest X-ray pilot and digital innovation in clinical decision making.

The conference will be a hybrid inperson and virtual event, held at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate.

Register for a free place here: [Greater Manchester Cancer Conference 2022 Tickets, Tue 18 Oct 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greater-manchester-cancer-conference-2022-tickets-29848111000)

GatewayC dermatoscope training day 12th of September:



Join the Gateway C Dermoscopy study day on Monday 12th September for the latest dermoscopy updates for primary care.

Each keynote will refresh your skin cancer knowledge, enable you to learn how to functionally use a dermatoscope and provide opportunities for a Q&A. Lunch included, and all places are **FREE**. Confirmed keynotes include: **Melanocytic lesions, Vascular structure and BCCs, Benign lesions and Acral and facial lesions.** Please note that due to popular demand, we are now only offering virtual places. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3PNsH10>



Cancer Support Worker (CSW) pilot update

GM Cancer Alliance are piloting the role of the Cancer Care Coordinator (CCC) across nine Primary Care Networks to support new ways of working. This boundary spanning role will enable seamless delivery of personalised care to ensure patients feel supported and empowered.

As part of the pilot, the nine CCC have attended a training day to ensure they have the same baseline knowledge and have a practical toolkit to enable quality cancer care reviews to be conducted. Additional education on, communication skills, LGBT training and webinars on cancer basics are being completed to ensure the Cancer Care Coordinators feel confident and knowledgeable in their new roles.

The first quarterly report will be issued in September to provide a progress report on the CSW pilot and Louise Retout will be delivering an update at the Early Diagnosis Steering Group on 4th October 2022 under the workforce and education item.



Primary Care Cancer Forum in November

Following the success of the April face to face education event on lung, gynae, non-site specific, lower GI and HPB cancers, we are now organizing a primary care education event on the 30th of November at etc venues, Manchester City Centre.

We are planning on holding sessions with expert speakers on the early diagnosis of skin, breast, head and neck, brain and haematology cancers. More information will be released soon.

Signs and Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer- Animation

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. To aid early diagnosis of ovarian cancer, the GM Cancer Communications team have produced a patient-facing animation on the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer and when to contact their GP.

Watch the short animation on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/5hC3BDq1bDw>



Managing Mastalgia- guide to the Mastalgia pathway

Breast pain (mastalgia) alone does not indicate breast cancer. Our breast pathway manager Claire Goldrick, along with clinical input from Dr Steve Churchill and Clare Garnsey have developed a mastalgia information flyer for PCNs to aid decision making around breast referrals. Please see the flyer attached below.



Managing Mastalgia
PCN Flyer August 22 |

Greater Manchester Collaboration Award Entry



We are submitting an award entry for the Greater Manchester Collaboration award to celebrate the collaboration between the Cancer Alliance and PCNs across GM in delivering the DES. The entry deadline is the 9th of September, and the ceremony will take place on Tuesday 18th October after the Cancer Conference.

Faecal Immunohistochemistry Testing reminder

Thank you to our PCNs for the work you have done to increase the use of FIT in the LGI referral pathway. Please continue to use FIT for high and low risk referrals as previously discussed. Please also continue to use the patient FIT leaflets.

There have recently been some British Society of Gastroenterology Guidance released which recommend FIT before referral in all suspected referrals for lower GI cancer except those with rectal/anal masses or ulceration. These guidelines will be adopted in Greater Manchester at some point but at present there are no changes to the referral pathway. We will notify you of any changes to the pathway in the future.

Coming soon....

- ✓ Tuesday 27th September: PCN Cancer Lead Session (Early Diagnosis review)
- ✓ Breast Cancer Animation
- ✓ Cervix visualization guides distribution



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