



Sarcoma Pathway Board

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Introduction

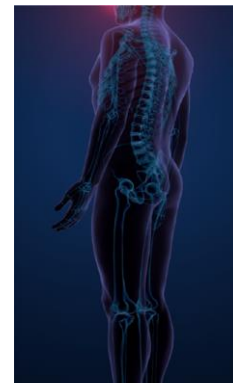
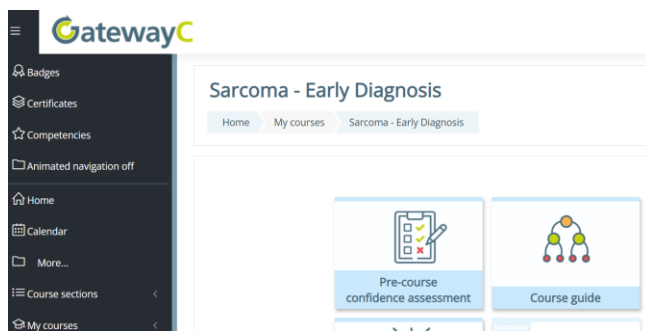
Sarcomas are rare cancers which contribute to less than 2% of all cancers and can occur anywhere in the body originating from mesenchymal tissue. There are around 100 sub-types of sarcomas, with many unique characteristics and a wide range of presentations often requiring complex management. Sarcomas fall into three main categories: bone, soft tissue, and gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST).

The pathway board consists of core members from the three sites delivering Sarcoma care for patients in Greater Manchester. They are Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Hospital, and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. We cover a population of figures of over 3 million people. Amit Kumar is the Clinical Lead together with Michelle Leach the Pathway Manager and they are committed to strive towards the best care for our patients.

Education

Gateway C National GatewayC Sarcoma course developed in conjunction with the pathway board and other contributors released January 2022. Amit also presented to GP colleagues on signs and symptoms to recognise for the early diagnosis of sarcoma on a Greater Manchester live Gateway C webinar in conjunction with the Early Diagnosis Team September 2022

Metastatic Bone Disease Study Day delivered in conjunction with The Christie School of Oncology in April 2021 via livestream. To increase awareness of treatment strategies for patients with metastatic bone disease.



Workplan deliverables

- Education – Mr Kumar regularly offers primary care education with onsite talks, in hospitals, and online. Planning is underway for the delivery of an educational event in March 2023
- Sarcoma patient survey co-produced with service users and rolled out at MFT
- Improvement of the suspected cancer referral form
- Audit to assess quality of referrals of 3rd party scans and develop improvement process
- Improve data collection to facilitate faster diagnostics and improved pathway times??
- Sarcoma Service review commissioned by Alliance to help improve service and outcomes
- Update GMOSS guidelines