Greater Manchester Cancer Conference 2026

NHS Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance

Agenda Day 1 | Tuesday 12th May

08:15 – 09:00 Delegate registration

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Housekeeping

09:15 – 10.30 Plenary 1: Transforming the Future of Cancer Care

Chair: Miss Susi Penney

State of the Nation **Peter Johnson**

Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance **Claire O'Rourke**

Research in Greater Manchester **Professor Rob Bristow**

Metastatic Cancer Strategy **Miss Clare Garnsey**

10:30 – 11:15 Refreshments

11:15 – 12:30 Plenary 2: Sickness to Prevention

Chair: Dr Sarah Taylor

System wide working in Greater Manchester to deliver a stage shift in cancer diagnosis

Lung Cancer Screening **Professor Richard Booton**

Early Diagnosis for Lower GI **Dr Roger Prudham**

HELP-Flag (High or Elevated Level of Platelets) Research **Dr Misghina Weldegiorgis**

Community Outreach Outcomes **Ali Jones**

Alternative Cervical Screening (ACES) Choice study **Dr Jennifer Davies**

Question & Answer

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15 Breakout sessions

Option 1: The Challenge of Engagement: Strengthening Primary Care's Role in Suspected Cancer Referral

Option 2: Individualised patient information, data linkage and screening to manage the late consequences of cancer treatment and improve outcomes **Professor John Radford, Dr Rachel Oakley, Dr Joanna Williams**

Option 3: Cancer Clinical Fellows: Quality Improvement Projects **Professor Dave Shackley, Miss Clare Garnsey, Matthew Goldsworthy, Isobel Hughes, Sahiba Singh, Prityatma Khincha**

Option 4: Sex - if you don't ask!

Option 5: Collaborating with the NHS, real world examples. *This is a sponsored session by Johnson & Johnson*

Option 6: AI Won't Fix a Broken Website: Building Resilient Digital Foundations in Healthcare & Charities **Mike Richwalsky**

14.15 – 14.45 Refreshments

14.45 – 16.00 Plenary 3: Analogue to Digital

Chair: Alistair Reid-Pearson

CXR AI Radiology PriORiTisation (AIRPORT) Study **Dr Rhidian Bramley**

Building a Digitally Powered, AI-Enabled Workforce **Molly Pipping & Scott Martin**

Unlocking Digital Biomarkers from Wearables to Improve Cancer Care **Dr Lukas Hughes-Noehrer**

Surgical Robots **Mr Chelliah Selvasekar**

Metastatic Case Finding **Phil Graham**

Question & Answer

16:00 – 16:15 Thank you and close of day one

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Agenda Day 2 | Wednesday 13th May

08:15 – 09:00 Delegate registration

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Housekeeping

09:15 – 10.15 Plenary 4: Collaborations

Chair: Claire O'Rourke

LungAware **Dr Rehan Naseer**

Global Cancer Forum: Powering Worldwide Progress in Cancer Care **Professor Richard Cowan**

Breast Pathway Board **Claire Goldrick**

Delivering Tomorrow's Treatments Today **Dr Natalie Cook**

Question & Answer

10:15 – 10:30 Awards Round Up and Poster Prizes

10:30 – 11:00 Refreshments

11:00 – 12:15 Plenary 5: Hospital to Community

Chair: Dr John Patterson

Greater Manchester Community Diagnostic Centres **Yvonne Bagguley**

Childrens ODN: Care Closer to Home **Dr Lisa Howell**

Acute Oncology SDEC **Dr Caroline Wilson**

Home is best – approaches to optimising quality of life and survival during and after cancer treatment **Professor John Radford**

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Option 1: Prostate Cancer Early Diagnosis

Option 2: Education and research into rare cancers: what more can we do in Greater Manchester? **Dr Natalie Cook, Alex Stamford, Rebecca Halstead, Rachel Chown**

Option 3: Connecting GM: Workforce models without borders

Option 4: Addressing inequalities in breast cancer care: using the tree of life narrative therapy approach to understand breast health seeking behaviours in minoritised communities **Dr Binish Khatoon, Dr Suzanne Johnson, Dr Omolade Allen, Professor Lucie Byrne-Davis, Naomy Samoei**

Option 5: How we are delivering the Metastatic Cancer Strategy **Dr Roger Prudham, Miss Clare Garnsey, Dr Anne Armstrong**

Option 6: Movement is Medicine - A collaborative approach

14.00 – 14.30 Refreshments

14.30 – 16.00 Keynote: Future of Cancer Care

Chair: Professor Rob Bristow

Professor Caroline Dive

16:00 – 16:15 Thank you and conference close