



Primary Care Network Bulletin: June 2023

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Gynaecology Pathway Education Event 22 June 2023, The Midland Hotel Manchester

This event brings a multidisciplinary of colleagues, from across the system together to network and hear about the ongoing developments via the GM Cancer Gynaecology Pathway Board. The event includes a review of health inequalities, performance, advances in molecular pathology and updates on research.

Suitable for all health care professionals involved in Gynaecology across Greater Manchester and East Cheshire

To register to attend please follow the link below.

<https://www.gmcanceracademy.org.uk/gynaecology-academy/>



EVENT

Non Specific Symptoms webinar – 12th July



This webinar will include:

- Latest non-specific pathway information for Greater Manchester
- Updates directly from your local cancer specialists
- Key cancer signs and symptoms
- Optional live Q&A

Register your place: <https://bit.ly/3BXaUPm>

This webinar is facilitated by GatewayC and commissioned by Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance. Missed our recent webinar covering head and neck cancers? It is now available to watch on demand at a time that suits you. 30 minutes CPD available. [Watch here.](#)

Mastalgia in Primary Care

Thank you all for your continued support with managing patients with mastalgia in primary care. By providing advice in management of such symptoms and offering reassurance you have made a significant difference to the number of patients referred with breast pain.

A recent audit in Bolton has shown a reduction of referrals from 20% to 8.6% of patients with persistent mastalgia. A similar audit was conducted at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (WTWA) which demonstrated a referral rate of 8.5% of patients with a single symptom of breast pain down from 21%

There are some useful tools and resources on the GM cancer website that will support your decision making when seeing patients with mastalgia.

[Management of Mastalgia Pathway decision making algorithm](#)
[You can also watch this helpful 10 minute video](#)

Further information:

[NICE Guidance](#) / [NHS Patient Information](#)

For further information and education please visit:

<https://gmcancer.org.uk/cancer-pathway-boards/breast/>

NHSE genetic testing – BRCA mutations for Jewish population

In January 2023, NHS England launched a programme to offer genetic testing for BRCA mutations to men and women over 18 years old with Jewish ancestry (at least one Jewish grandparent) in England. To find out more, please find the BRCA Programme briefing attached. Please circulate across your practices.

GPwER Recruitment in Breast Units

The GM Cancer Breast team are pleased to share that they have successfully recruited to all 6 breast units across GM and East Cheshire with most candidates already embedding into their respective units.

These GPwERs will be potentially paving the way for a new integrated approach to delivering breast services between primary and secondary care. They will also help to deliver mastalgia clinics across the region.

Teledermatology

Work continues on a model and specification of a GM Model of Care for dermatology. As part of this work a teledermatology model, which incorporates advice and guidance, has also been developed. This has been reviewed by the working groups that contributed to its development. The models are being presented this month to various GM Boards and, should they be approved, implementation work will begin shortly thereafter. Further updates and training opportunities specific to dermatology will be provided.

False negative chest x-rays – reminder for a 2ww suspected lung cancer referral

23% of lung cancers do not show up on chest x-rays. If a patient's chest x-ray is normal but symptoms persist, consider referring for a 2ww lung cancer referral.

[There are GM resources which support diagnosis of lung cancer.](#)

Cancer Forum – 18th July

GatewayC and Greater Manchester Cancer are pleased to present the Cancer Forum on Tuesday the 18th of July. An excellent opportunity to refresh your cancer knowledge, and hear the latest pathway updates for Greater Manchester. Optional live Q&A. For in person attendees, a complimentary lunch will be provided. Topics covered:

- Imaging and Diagnostics
- Targeted Lung Health Checks
- Non-Specific Symptoms
- Breast Cancer and Family History

[Register your place](#)



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Greater Manchester Skin Club – GP Lunchtime Dermatology Education session

The next virtual lunchtime education session will take place on **Wednesday 21st June from 12:45-13:30** led by clinicians from Salford Care Organisation. This session will be looking at Dermatology and skin of colour with a particular focus on pigmentary disorders.

If you would like the Teams link to attend this session, please contact Louise McGarvey in the Service Improvement Team at l.mcgarvey@nhs.net.

New “Fast Facts” videos

The Fast Facts videos following the Prostate Cancer and Cancer in the Homeless webinars are ready to view here:

[Cancer in the Homeless](#)

[Prostate Cancer](#)

Lower GI “Fast Facts” video

The Lower GI fast facts video has been updated to include the BSG guidance, and [is available here:](#)

Coming soon....

- ✓ PCN Cancer Leads Session – Tuesday 27th June
- ✓ GatewayC Webinar – Non Site Specific Pathway – Wednesday 12th July
- ✓ Cancer Academy free education days - [Greater Manchester Cancer Academy \(gmcanccanceracademy.org.uk\)](https://gmcanccanceracademy.org.uk):
 - ✓ **26 June:** Urology Pathway Education Event (DoubleTree Hilton, Manchester). View the [agenda](#) and [sign up](#).
- ✓ Seb K and AK Skin Training event for Primary Care – Monday 2nd October 2023



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