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Want to hear more?

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues who are involved in pancreatic cancer care. If you were forwarded this email and would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us.

NPaCA convenes its first Clinical Reference Group meeting

In July, the NPaCA team held its first Clinical Reference Group (CRG) meeting, which convened to discuss the scope and design of the audit. The group includes representation from: pancreatic cancer charities, NHS England, NHS Wales and a range of clinical disciplines including: nursing, oncology, radiology, and surgery.

Patient representatives provided valuable insights from a patient and carer perspective. The clinical members brought their specialist expertise and played an important role in providing a range of professional views on the direction and activities of the audit.

Look out for the audit's finalised 'Scoping document' which will be published in November.

The document describes the clinical scope of the audit in terms of the patient population and parts of the care pathway that will be covered. It also outlines potential areas for quality improvement. Our next task as an audit team is to develop five quality improvement goals and key performance indicators for annual and quarterly reporting. These goals and indicators will be published in our Healthcare Improvement Plan in early 2024.

FAQ - How is patient data being collected for the audit?

The NPaCA will not ask hospitals to collect any new patient data. Therefore, there is no need for NHS organisations to input data on patients through a separate data collection portal.

This is similar to the approach used by the prostate and lung cancer audit.

All NATCAN cancer audits will utilise the nationally mandated flows of data from hospitals to the National

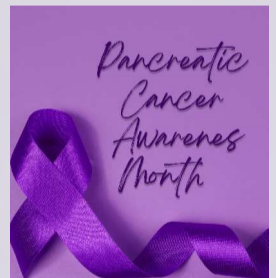
Disease Registration Service (NDRS) in NHSE and the Wales Cancer Network in Public Health Wales. In the coming months, each NATCAN audit will provide information on data requirements.



November is Pancreatic Awareness month!

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month and NPaCA will be standing in solidarity with our colleagues at pancreatic cancer charities: Pancreatic Cancer UK and Pancreatic Cancer Action.

Join us in helping to raise awareness of the importance of improving the care and treatment of patients diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, by following us on Twitter [@NPaCA_NATCAN](https://twitter.com/NPaCA_NATCAN) and 'liking' and 'sharing' our updates. Be sure to use the hashtag, #TurnitPurple this November.



GIRFT - new specialty review into services for pancreatic cancer patients

The national Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme (part of NHS England) has appointed a team of five specialist clinicians to lead a national review of services for pancreatic cancer patients in England. Ganesh Radhakrishna, (NPaCA's Co-Clinical Lead for Clinical Oncology) forms part of this clinical team. GIRFT's review will involve visits to all specialist centres and their referral hospitals in England and examine their progress against the recommendations in the Optimal Care Pathway, a Pancreatic Cancer UK-led initiative which brought together 300 health professionals and people affected by the disease.

The data collected during GIRFT's visits to the specialist centres in England will provide important contextual information for NPaCA's work as well as the pancreatic cancer services.

[Read more here](#). Be sure to follow the GIRFT team's Twitter account for updates [@NHSGIRFT](https://twitter.com/NHSGIRFT).



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