



National Cancer Action Team  
Part of the National Cancer Programme

# National Cancer Peer Review - Clinical Lines of Enquiry

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Haematology Clinical Lead Workshop

# Future Peer Review to include Clinical Lines of Enquiry

- Increasing focus on addressing key clinical issues
- Clinical Indicators to be developed in conjunction with SSCRGs and relevant tumour specific national groups

# Clinical Lines of Enquiry

- Rationale
  - Range of possible diagnostic and treatment interventions has increased
  - Subsequent guidance issued by NICE incorporated into Peer Review discussions
  - Supporting the overall aims of the Cancer Reform Strategy
  - In step with commissioning function of cancer services

# Clinical Lines of Enquiry

- Not intended to introduce any additional measures to support this changed focus
- Key clinical issues will be highlighted through discussion and review of existing evidence and information

# Progress to date

- Pilot with Lung and Breast
- Circulated for comment to Network Medical Directors
- Discussion with SSCRG, NCIN , NCPR
- Initial discussion with other groups in progress

# Future Clinical Lines of Enquiry

- Yes, we should move forward to other topics asap
- They have to be put into the evidence guides by January 2011
- The priority topics
  - UGI - Bill Allum is very keen
  - Colorectal – Targeted Visits
  - Head & Neck - Targeted Visits
  - Gynae – they lead the way in Data collection
  - Urology but this is a difficult issue and may have to wait
- Children's can wait – too complicated at this stage
- New measures should have CLE established when the measures are developed – Sarcoma, Brain and CNS
- How can we incorporate into the measures more generally. Move to outputs if not outcomes.

# NCIN SSCRGs

- Attended by the relevant Lead Quality Manager (Clare Langslow) The meetings should all be covered by an NCPR staff member.
- NCPR is on the agenda
- A key source of information for us
- Use as a reference point for interpretation against the measures – big picture issues only
- Feedback of the National Results and getting feedback from the group about Peer Review
- Discuss how national concerns can be addressed

# Clinical Indicators for Breast MDTs

- Discussions with the Site Specific Clinical Reference Group (SSCRG) lead, National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) and NCPR have resulted in a focus on the following headline indicators some of which are nationally collected, and some of which are reliant on local data;

## Nationally available data

- Percentage of women offered access to immediate reconstruction surgery by MDT or by referral onto another team and rate of uptake
- Ratio of mastectomy to Breast Conserving Surgery (BCS)
- Each surgeon managing at least 30 new cases per year
- Average length of stay for breast cancer with any surgical procedure
- The one, two and five-year survival rates

## Local data

- Proportion of women tested for HER2 prior to commencement of drug treatment (if undergoing resectional surgery and receiving adjuvant or neo-adjuvant chemotherapy)
- Availability of Screening and estimated impact on workload
- Availability of Digital mammography



# Clinical Indicators for Lung MDTs

Discussions with the Site Specific Clinical Reference Group (SSCRG) lead, National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) and NCPR have resulted in a focus of five headline indicators, all of which form part of the data requirements for LUCADA. These indicators are;

- The % of expected cases on whom data is recorded
- The % Histological Confirmation Rate
- The % having active treatment
- The % undergoing surgical resection (all cases excluding mesothelioma)
- The % small cell lung cancer cases receiving chemotherapy

The data for each Trust from the LUCADA Audit is being made available to National Cancer Peer Review teams in a suitable format for discussion with the review teams. These are the same data outcomes published in The National Lung Cancer Audit 2009 (NHS IC 2009) - the report focusing on the 2008 audit period.

MDTs may wish to provide further data from 2009 in order to demonstrate progress against these headline indicators. If this is the case it is suggested that this further data be provided for the Zonal Teams by the closing date of the Self Assessment process. The data is available for download in standard format from the LUCADA database which is already accessible to Trusts.

# Clinical Lines of Enquiry : Haematology

- What should be the Clinical Indicators
- What national data are available?
- What local data are available?
- What should be the clinical line of enquiry?