About the speakers

Sean McPhail

Sean McPhail studied natural science followed by a PhD. in physics and several years of research into quantum magnetism. After a career dogleg he spent two years as an cancer registry analyst and three more years as head of the analytical team at the South West Cancer Intelligence Service. He chaired the UK Association of Cancer Registries Analysis Group for two years. For just over a year he has been seconded to the National Cancer Intelligence Network working with the National Cancer Data Repository and primary care data.

Brian Rous

Dr. Brian Rous is a Consultant Histopathologist at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge and is Associate Medical Director at the Eastern Cancer Registry and Information Centre. He has a strong interest in the coding and classification of tumours and is co-chair of the UKACR Training, Coding and Classification subgroup.

Malcolm Mason

Malcolm Mason is the Cancer Research Wales Professor of Clinical Oncology at Cardiff University. His main interest is in urological cancers, and he is an experienced clinical trialist. He currently Chairs the UK National Cancer Research Institute’s Prostate Cancer Clinical Studies Group, and has published extensively in this field. In 2003 he founded the Wales Cancer Bank, one of the first National tissue banks for cancer, which currently holds over 40,000 samples, from nearly 5,000 patients. As the Chair of the UK TNM National Committee, he represents the UK on the UICC TNM Core Group, and is also a member of their Prognostic Factors Task Force, co-lead on education, and from 2011, co-Chair of the Process Task Force.

Lynn Hirschowitz

Dr Lynn Hirschowitz is Chair of the Cancer Services Working Group of the Royal College of Pathologists. She is a past chairman of the expert gynaecological tumour panel in the South West, was a member of the National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths, peer reviewer for the Peninsula Network, and member of the National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel for Histopathology. She is currently a member of the National Gynaecological SSCRG and a governor of the Birmingham Women’s Healthcare Trust where she works as a specialist gynaecological pathologist.

Tim Helliwell

Dr Tim Helliwell is a clinical academic histopathologist in Liverpool, co-author of the head and neck cancer pathology dataset, lead pathologist for the NCIN dataset project and previously chair of the Cancer Services Working Group at the Royal College of Pathologists.

Julia Newton-Bishop

Julia Newton-Bishop is Professor of Dermatology at the University of Leeds. She runs the melanoma screening service and follow-up service for stage I to III melanoma and there are specialist services for
patients at increased risk of melanoma. She also leads the Melanoma Group within the Section of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University. The research group is designed to determine the genetic and environmental causes of melanoma and the determinants of outcome from melanoma.

**Paul Finan**

Paul Finan is a consultant colorectal surgeon in the John Goligher Colorectal Unit, Leeds and holds the position of Honorary Professor of Colorectal Surgery within the University of Leeds. He is currently clinical lead for the national audit of bowel cancer (NCEPOD) and is chairman of the colorectal site specific clinical reference group within the National Cancer Intelligence Network. He is a past-President of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Section of Coloproctology of the Royal Society of Medicine.

**Lars Holmberg**

Lars Holmberg is professor of cancer epidemiology at King's College London and the Regional Oncologic Centre in Uppsala, Sweden. He was trained as a cancer surgeon and started cancer research whilst clinically active. Between 1999 and 2007 he was the Director of the Regional Oncologic Centre in Uppsala, Sweden before moving to King's College London. He is a medical adviser to the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare for the National Cancer Register and for setting up register based indicators of good cancer care. His research includes a number of studies based on the Swedish clinical databases for cancer.

**David Forman**

Dr David Forman is the Head of the Section of Cancer Information (CIN) at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France. CIN is responsible, through collaboration with the International Association of Cancer Registries, for compiling information on the burden of cancer worldwide and producing Cancer Incidence in Five Continents and GLOBOCAN. Prior to his appointment at IARC in 2010, Dr Forman was Professor of Cancer Epidemiology at the University of Leeds, UK and Director of the Northern and Yorkshire Cancer Registry and Information Service. He also helped establish the National Cancer Intelligence Network in the UK.

**Martin Crowe**

I am a Consultant Radiologist working in a busy District General Hospital. As a general radiologist, I report a variety of cancer staging scans, and contribute to MDT meetings and oncology-radiology meetings. I struggled to commit elements of the TNM system to memory, and was often frustrated when trying to lay my hands rapidly on the appropriate textbook. This prompted me to write a software programme to assist in the staging process.

**Trish Stokes**

Trish Stokes completed a first degree in social anthropology, later qualified as a teacher and more recently completed a masters in information systems. Following a varied career in public, private and voluntary sector she has been working in Cancer Informatics in the NHS for nearly ten years. This has included development of processes and IT systems for cancer data collection in Trusts and reporting and analysis in Cancer Networks. She is now working as for the National Cancer Intelligence Network as datasets programme manager.
Gill Lawrence

Dr Gill Lawrence is the Director of the West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit (WMCIU) and the West Midlands Public Health Observatory, and the Regional Director of Cancer Screening Quality Assurance. The WMCIU is the national lead registry for breast cancer and sarcoma, and is working with clinicians to develop national expertise in these cancer sites.

Gill contributes to a number of areas of work at a national level, including cancer coding and dataset development. She also works closely with the Association of Breast Surgery and the NHS Breast Screening Programme to oversee a number of national breast cancer audits examining clinical outcome measures.

Sally Vernon

Sally Vernon is the Deputy Director of Registration at the West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit. Prior to joining the unit in 2008, she worked for the Department of Health as a statistician in a range of posts from pharmacy negotiations to maternity statistics. [When not working, she can be found climbing, hill walking, or folk dancing.]

Andy Nordin

Mr Andy Nordin is a gynaecological oncologist in East Kent and Honorary Senior Lecturer at University College London. He is the Gynaecology Clinical Advisor to NHS Cancer Improvement, and chairs the Gynaecology Network Leads (NSSG Leads) group and the National Cancer Intelligence Network Gynaecology Clinical Reference Group. Andy is a member or the uterine cancer trials committee of the EORTC Gynecology Cancer Group, and he sits on the steering committees of a number of national clinical trials and audits. Andy jointly leads the UKGOSOC surgical outcomes and complications audit and is the English representative on the ovarian cancer clinical committee for the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership. He is a clinical advisor for Ovacome and Target Ovarian Cancer charities, and his research interests include development of quality of life questionnaires with the EORTC Quality of Life Group.

Steven Oliver

Steven Oliver is a Senior Lecturer in Population Health at the Hull York Medical School and works within the Epidemiology and Genetics Unit at the University of York, he has a background in medicine, epidemiology and public health. He works with the the Northern and Yorkshire Cancer Registry and Information Service providing epidemiological support to the lead area programme in haematological malignancies.

Michael Peake

Dr Peake is a Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine for the University Hospitals of Leicester, based at the Glenfield Hospital, Leicester, UK. He is Clinical Lead for the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) and for the National Lung Cancer Audit Programme (NLCA), run jointly between the Information Centre and the Royal College of Physicians, where he is Associate Director of the Clinical Effectiveness and Evaluation Unit. He is National Lead Clinician for Lung Cancer in NHS Improvement where he is also the secondary care lead for the National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI). He is co-chair of the DH’s Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma Advisory Group and the Clinical Outcomes Group. He is also a member of the steering group of the British Thoracic Oncology Group, vice-chair of Mesothelioma UK, a member of the National Clinical Audit Advisory Group (NCAAG).