

Speaker Biographies

Abdullah Bukhari

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Nikesh Chavda, Lymphoma Fellow, Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre



I have recently completed my training in Haematology in the Severn Deanery. I have recently started a new post as the Lymphoma Fellow at the BHOC. Currently my research is focusing on looking at data from the EBMT database on the use of Brentuximab Vedotin in relapsed Hodgkins Lymphoma post autograft.

Tim Cooksley, Acute Physician, Christie Hospital

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Laura Cove-Smith, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Christie Hospital



Laura Cove-Smith studied undergraduate medicine at Sheffield University then moved to Manchester in 2007 to train in medical oncology at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. During this time she was awarded a PhD from the University of Manchester (Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute) in the field of circulating and imaging biomarkers. She took up post as a medical oncology consultant specialising in lung cancer and acute oncology at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and Wythenshawe Hospital in 2018.

Stephen Kennedy, Consultant Clinical Oncologist



Dr Stephen Kennedy is a clinical oncologist who specialises in neuro-oncology, including the use of stereotactic radiosurgery for brain metastases. For three years he also was part of the Acute Oncology service at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals.

He has experience also in lymphoma and has also recently started with the neuro, sarcoma and proton radiotherapy teams at The Christie hospital.

Pauline Leonard, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Whittington Hospital



Dr Pauline Leonard graduated from St Georges Hospital Medical School in 1992. She obtained MRCP in 1995 and started her specialist training as a Medical Oncologist later that year after completing her medical training. She completed her training at UCLH obtaining her CCST in 2002 later completing a MD in Gene expression profiling in Osteosarcoma. She was appointed as Consultant Medical Oncologist in 2002 at Southend University NHS Foundation Trust subspecialising in Gastrointestinal & Lung malignancy.

After 7 years in a Cancer centre and working as a visiting Oncologist to a cancer unit she took up her current post as managing patients with Lung & Gastrointestinal malignancies

She set up the first fully comprehensive Acute Oncology service in London and believes teams can work more effectively incorporating the specialist skills of an Oncologist to help manage suspected cancer patients to tailor more appropriate investigations so ensuring rapid diagnosis in those fit for an intervention and timely referral to those who may never benefit or be fit for any treatment because of poor performance status or co-morbidities.

Ernie Marshall, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and National Lead for Acute Oncology



Dr Marshall was appointed Macmillan Consultant in Medical Oncology at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in 1997 and is currently Deputy Medical Director. He maintains site specialist clinics in Lung and Melanoma and has a longstanding interest in service development and Acute Oncology Services.

He is the Clinical lead for Acute Oncology in Merseyside since the AO inception in 2009 and as a core member of the NHS England Chemotherapy Clinical Reference Group, he now chairs the national Acute Oncology Steering Group. Despite a career in Merseyside, he regularly visits Manchester (and Wembley), being a lifelong Manchester City fan.

Simon Noble, Consultant Palliative Care Physician

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Ben Pickwell-Smith

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Neil Steven, Consultant Oncologist Gastroenterologist



Dr Neil Steven is a consultant in Medical Oncology specialising in treating people with advanced melanoma and Merkel cell cancer. He has extensive experience in the use of immune and targeted therapies and has built a multi-disciplinary framework for managing the complex immune related adverse events which arise from such treatment. This is a developing area of collaborative academic research.

Dr Steven has expertise in the design and execution of clinical trials of immune therapy for malignant disease. He works as part of a multidisciplinary framework in Birmingham including the CR-UK Clinical Trials Unit (CRCTU) and the Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Centre. He has a particular scientific interest in the immunology of cancers carrying viruses, such as Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCV). He is conducting trials for people with EBV+ nasopharyngeal carcinoma and Merkel cell carcinoma. He is a member of the team which won the NCRI Translational Research Prize for this work in 2015.

Andrew Stewart, Consultant Haematologist, Weston General Hospital/ University Hospitals Bristol



I am a consultant haematologist, presently working at Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre and Weston General Hospital in Weston-Super-Mare. Until recently, I was lead for Acute Oncology at the University Hospitals of the North Midlands. I am also a member of the Chemotherapy CRG Acute Oncology Group.

Nadina Tinsley, North West Deanery



Graduated from Norwich Medical School in 2013. Completed Foundation years and Core Medical Training at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, with exposure to acute medical specialties as well as Haematology/Oncology. Worked as a Clinical fellow in Early Phase Research in the Experimental Cancer Medicine team at the Christie Hospital, while undertaking Mres in Experimental Cancer Medicine (University of Manchester Sept 2017-Sept 2018). Was invited to ASCO 2018 for poster discussion and awarded a Conquer Cancer Foundation Merit award for work conducted investigating outcomes of immunotherapy in patients taking antibiotics. Currently a Medical Oncology Registrar, training in the North West Deanery in Melanoma/Lung cancer.

Tom Wells, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Weston General Hospital



Tom Wells is a Consultant Medical Oncologist and Acute Oncology Service and Chemotherapy Lead Consultant at Weston General Hospital, Weston-Super-Mare. Site specialisations include breast cancer, cancer of unknown primary and hepatobiliary cancer. He has a long-term disability due to spinal cord injury and has an interest in disability teaching, having co-founded the Bristol University Medical School disability course.

He also works for the Ministry of Justice hearing PIP, DLA, ESA and Incapacity tribunals.

Alison Young, Chair



Alison trained in West Yorkshire and was appointed in 2012 as a Medical Oncology Consultant at St. James's Institute of Oncology in Leeds specialising in gynaecological cancers and acute oncology/CUP. She led the development and delivery of the successful Acute Oncology service in Leeds.

Now specialising in Lung Cancer as well she continues to be involved both locally and nationally in Acute Oncology. Specialist interests include service development and improvement.