

Trainees Weekend: Speaker Biographies

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th October 2021

Dr Alison Berner



Dr Alison May Berner is a Specialty Trainee and Clinical Research Fellow in Medical Oncology at Barts Cancer Institute where she is undertaking a PhD in cancer genomics. She is also a Part-time Specialty Doctor in Adult Gender Identity at the Gender Identity Clinic London, Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust where she provides advice and assessment for gender diverse patients with active cancer or genetic cancer predisposition, and leads a number of research projects related to improving cancer care for LGBTQ populations.

Jennie Blake



Jennie has been working as an Occupational Therapist for over 8 years, initially specialising in elderly care and then taking a keen interest in Oncology, particularly Geriatric Oncology and Lung Cancer.

Jennie joined the Oncology and Haematology Specialist Rehabilitation Team at Guy's in 2019 and provides support with symptom management, patient optimisation for treatment and rehabilitation pre, during and post treatment. Intervention is aimed at enabling self-management, personalised care and engagement in meaningful occupation. Jennie has played an integral part in developing cancer rehabilitation services and setting up an Occupational Therapy role within the Geriatric Oncology clinic at Guy's.

Jennie has presented on a range of cancer specific symptoms (e.g. fatigue, sleep, breathlessness, anxiety) and the specialist role of rehabilitation in Oncology and Geriatric Oncology at multiple conferences and seminars nationally.

Dr James Clark



Dr James Clark is an oncology registrar at Imperial College London. He was born on the Wirral and went to school in Chester. He studied at Cambridge University for 6 years, where he graduated with a pathology degree in addition to his undergraduate degree in medicine. It was at university that Dr Clark first became interested in cancer, the pathology processes underlying it and the pharmacology of oncology treatments.

Since university, Dr Clark moved to London where he continued his training as a junior doctor, whilst maintaining a keen interest in oncology alongside his clinical commitments. He has worked at numerous London hospitals including the Royal Marsden and St George's and in 2018 he joined the Imperial College rotation for his oncology training where he now works. He has had papers published in a number of peer-reviewed journals, including The Lancet Oncology, as well as presenting research at numerous international conferences including the European Society for Medical Oncology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

He is currently taking time out from his oncology training to undertake a PhD at Imperial College on ovarian cancer organoids and PARP inhibitor resistance, as well as research into a new ex vivo organ culture. In his spare time he enjoys running, cycling, reading, and spending time with his friends and family.

Dr Fabio Gomes



Dr Fabio Gomes (MD, MRes) is a consultant Medical Oncologist at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester specialised in lung cancer. He also works within the patient-centred research team with a special interest in the field of cancer in senior adults. He completed his training in Lisbon (Portugal), followed by a training program at the Moffitt Cancer Center on geriatric oncology, until he moved to Manchester in 2016. More recently, he has taken the role of Clinical Director of Clinical Outcomes at this cancer centre, leading on optimising the use of real world data for audit and research to improve patient care and their outcomes.

Dr Lucy Gossage



Lucy Gossage is an oncologist and 12 x Ironman champion based in Nottingham. With little sporting background she entered her first triathlon as a dare while working as a junior doctor. A loss of job satisfaction early in her research PhD triggered an unexpected journey into professional triathlon; Lucy called herself an 'accidental pro triathlete'. As a triathlete she was renowned for her unique finish line celebrations, #doingalucy. 10 of Lucy's 14 Iron distance wins were achieved while working as a doctor. Alongside her triathlon and oncology careers, Lucy has cofounded the national charity initiative 5K Your Way, Move Against Cancer and is a passionate advocate of the benefits of being active for those living with and after cancer. Lucy is now retired from professional sport but enjoys any and all outdoor adventures (the longer and hillier the better) in her free-time.

Dr Claire Hardy



Dr Claire Hardy is Chartered Psychologist specialising in workplace/occupational psychology over the past 10 plus years. She works both as a consultant and academic and has received the prestigious award for her excellence in research by the British Psychological Society in 2018. In the same year Claire joined the Faculty of Health and Medicine's Division of Health Research at Lancaster University in the UK where she is a Senior Lecturer in Organisational Health and Wellbeing. Claire's work involves working with multidisciplinary teams on a variety of projects that help to understand, address, and developing interventions on topics related to employee health, wellbeing and resilience. This includes a recent COVID-NOW project where she is exploring the wellbeing of NHS cancer care staff with a team of lead oncologists. She is an expert advisor to several committees and groups both nationally and internationally, including the European Society of Medical Oncology where she sits on a taskforce looking to address resiliency, wellbeing and burnout in the profession. Claire is passionate about sharing evidence and practice to help organisations and employees be healthier and happier.

Dr Daniel Hughes



Daniel is a trainee in the UCL rotation having previously undertaken a fellowship at the Royal Marsden. He is currently out-of-programme undertaking a PhD at KCL in molecular imaging of immunotherapy. Daniel also has a keen interest in medical education, with an honorary tutor role at the RCP where he tutors on the MSc in Medical Education and is an honorary clinical lecturer at UCL where he teaches on several oncology components of the undergraduate MBBS course, as well as acting as a personal tutor. He is the current ACP trainees' committee chair and trainee representative on the ACP executive committee, JRCPTB Specialty Advisory Committee, joint medical and clinical oncology curriculum working group and Closer Working Group. Daniel is lead organiser of the ACP webinar series and this weekend's conference and looks forward to meeting you all over the course of the weekend.

Dr Nalinie Joharatnam-hogan



Nalinie Hogan is a medical oncology specialist registrar at the Royal Marsden Hospital. She recently completed her MDRes at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit at UCL, for which she received a 3 year CRUK Clinical Trial Fellowship grant. During this time she has been developing phase III randomised trials, evaluating the use of repurposed drugs in the adjuvant setting of cancer, and reducing the frequency of immune checkpoint inhibitors in multiple cancers. Over the last 2 years she has been leading a working group on behalf of the UK Chemotherapy Board and Joint British Diabetes Society to create national guidelines for the management of glycaemic control in cancer patients.

Dr Charlotte Manisty



Dr Charlotte Manisty is Clinical Lead for Cardio-Oncology at Barts Heart Centre, and Associate Professor at University College London. She set up and leads the largest cardio-oncology service in the UK at Barts, and is currently Vice-Chair of the Society of Cardiovascular MRI Cardio-Oncology group. She is Research Lead for British Cardio-Oncology Society and chairs the UK Cardiac Device MRI working group.

She is regularly invited to speak around the world on both clinical cardiology and research, has received over £4 million funding for her medical research in the past 5 years, supervises several PhD students and is author of over 145 publications and books.

Dr Nicolò Matteo Luca Battisti



Dr Nicolò Matteo Luca Battisti is a medical oncologist working as a Clinical Research Fellow in the Breast Unit of The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK. He completed his specialist training at the University of Milan and National Cancer Institute of Milan, Italy in 2015. He is now working on a research degree (MD[Res]) at the Institute of Cancer Research of London, UK focusing on different aspects of the care of common malignancies in older adults. He spent the last year of his specialist training working with Dr Martine Extermann and Dr Lodovico Balducci at the Senior Adult Oncology Program of the Moffitt Cancer Center of Tampa, Florida, USA. In 2016, Dr Battisti joined the Breast Unit of The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, where he currently works with Dr Alistair Ring and Professor Stephen Johnston.

Dr Battisti's main clinical and research interests are breast oncology and geriatric oncology. He authored several publications and book chapters in the fields of geriatric, breast and thoracic oncology. Dr Battisti is President-Elect of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG). He is also Co-Chair of the European Cancer Organisation Inequalities Focused Topic Network. He is a member of the Elderly Task Force of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer and of the Cancer and Aging Research Group Advocacy Committee. He is a member of the Clinical Steering Group of the National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients. Dr Battisti was presented the Arti Hurria Award at the 2019 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium for his research conducted within the Bridging The Age Gap study.

Dr Jackie Newby



Dr Jackie Newby is a consultant medical oncologist at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. She primarily treats breast cancer and is involved in the delivery of clinical trials, as well as contributing to Acute Oncology Services locally. Dr Newby is the chair of the JRCPTB Specialty Advisory Committee for Medical Oncology, which oversees medical oncology training. She is also co-chair of the joint Clinical and Medical Oncology Curriculum Working Group, leading the development and implementation of the new 2021 curriculum. Dr Newby is also a member of the Closer Working Group and an active member of the ACP Executive Committee.

Dr Anna Olsson-Brown



Dr Olsson-Brown graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology, before training in Medicine at the University of Liverpool. She is currently a Consultant in Medical Oncology at the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Liverpool and a previous MRC Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Liverpool. She specialises in the treatment of melanoma, sarcoma, immunotherapy related toxicities and delivery of early phase trials. She is also the Chair of the Academy of Trainee Doctor Group at the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the recent past-Chair of the National Oncology Trainees Collaborative for Healthcare Research (NOTCH). Her clinical interests include the use and toxicities of cancer immunotherapies, and her research is based on understanding the immunological events that occur in the presence of immunotherapy that led to toxicity. She has established and is the clinical lead of a regional pan-tumor immunotherapy service which supports patients on immunotherapy and those experiencing toxicity.

Dr Carina Owen



I am an SpR in Medical Oncology at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust. I trained in Medicine at the University of Oxford and UCL, and spent my junior training years in London. In 2019 I completed a fellowship with the Melanoma Institute of Australia in Sydney, where I developed interests in clinical trials and translational research in melanoma, and led multi-centre observational studies on immunotherapy resistance and toxicity. I am now an academic clinical fellow in platform science and bio-informatics with the University of Bristol, investigating the relationship between immunomodulatory germline variation and melanoma, as well as other immunotherapy-responsive cancers.

Dr Elizabeth Jane Maher



Jane Maher was a clinical oncologist at Mount Vernon with academic appointments at UCL and Hertfordshire for over 25 years. She provided general oncology services for five hospitals, specialist head and neck cancer services in three regions and co-founded the LJMC support centre. After 1999 she focused on breast cancer, establishing patient initiated follow up and worked as Macmillan Cancer Support CMO and an NHS Improvement Survivorship clinical leader. With Macmillan she explored working with doctors to influence change, described in her book: "communities of influence : improving health care through conversations and connections ". Her interest in late effects led to chairing the DH Maher Committee, leading the UK Audit of Late Effects of Pelvic RT and chairing the NCSI Consequences of Treatments work stream. She was described in the BMJ as a "late onset rock chick"

Jenna Morgan



Jenna Morgan is an NIHR Clinical Lecturer in Breast and General Surgery, with an interest in surgical oncogeriatrics and decision making. She has been an integral member of the Bridging the Age Gap study, helping to develop an online decision aid for older women with breast cancer and having just been awarded an NIHR Programme Development award to further develop this by integrating quality of life outcomes into the online decision aid. She is on the steering committee of several national trials, including SMALL, iBRAnet and MARECA; has been a member of the Colorectal Cancer Cochrane Editorial Board and the BRESO committee for developing a European Breast Cancer curriculum; and has led an international collaboration with Leiden University Medical Centre in the Netherlands comparing outcomes in older adults with breast cancer.

Emma Ryan-Rhule



Emma is a Highly Specialist Physiotherapist and has been working as a physiotherapist for over 8 years, initially specialising in acute inpatient Physiotherapy before taking a special interest in Oncology and Lung cancer.

Emma joined the Oncology team at Guy's in 2018 and provides support with symptom management, patient optimisation for treatment and rehabilitation pre, during and post treatment.. This includes supporting Oncology patients throughout their cancer journey and providing individualised rehabilitation plans based on individual patient goals.

Emma has supported in developing the role of Physiotherapy within Head and Neck cancer and Lung Cancer and has presented on the Therapy role in Lung Cancer patients receiving immunotherapy treatment.

Sophia Wong



Dr Sophia Wong completed her undergraduate medical training at Guy's, King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine, London. Following completion of core training in internal medicine, she undertook specialist training in Medical Oncology at University College London Hospitals and Royal Free Hospital.

During her Medical Oncology training, she was awarded the Cancer Research UK Clinical PhD and spent four years studying Cancer Immunology at University College London Cancer Institute with Professor Sergio Quezada and Dr Mark Linch. During this time she studied the immune landscape of human tumours, focusing on urological cancer. She discovered a non-invasive immunological based marker which recapitulated the tumour microenvironment of bladder cancer. As a result, she was awarded a PhD in 2021.

Dr Wong has been sub-investigator for several phase I to III clinical trials, and worked in early phase units at the UCLH NIHR Clinical Research Facility as well as the Prostate Cancer Targeted Treatment Group at the Royal Marsden Hospital. She has also been involved in translation protocol development, in particular the phase II NEPTUNES trial looking at prostate cancer patients with an immunogenic signature treated with nivolumab and ipilimumab.