



# Building and promoting Carcinoma Unknown Primary (CUP) research in the North West

Tuesday, 30th November 2021 1pm - 4pm, Hosted by The Christie School of Oncology

## Overview

Carcinoma Unknown Primary (CUP) is the 6th highest cause of cancer death in the UK. Research into CUP remains under-funded, and is hampered by a lack of consensus surrounding diagnostic pathways and optimal management, a poor understanding of CUP biology, and a lack of reliable biomarkers. This virtual conference will showcase the CUP research that is on-going in the North West (NW) and encourage new collaborations across Greater Manchester and the NW Universities and Hospitals. It will bring together CUP teams (physicians, nurses, researchers and other healthcare professionals) from across the NW to deliver high quality education and discuss future opportunities in CUP aimed at improving patient outcomes.

## Intended Audience

The conference will provide opportunity to discuss a multi-disciplinary approach to CUP research. It will bring together healthcare professionals from a range of clinical backgrounds, alongside scientists, translational researchers and patient advocates.

## What to expect

The conference will stimulate new research opportunities and collaborations in CUP across the NW. Presentations will include;

- CUP patient pathway: diagnostics, referral pathways and patient experience
- National CUP translational research and clinical trials
- The future of CUP patient pathways and research in the North West

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## 12.55 Online login

### 13.00 Welcome and Introduction, including the aims

**Dr Natalie Cook**, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Experimental Cancer Medicine and Honorary Consultant at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

### 13.05 Where from; Where to? A Brief Overview of CUP in the UK

**John Symons**, Director, Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Foundation – *Jo's Friends*

## 13.20 Session 1: The NW CUP patient pathway: diagnostics, referrals and patient experience

**Chairperson:** **Dr Claire Mitchell**, Consultant in Medical Oncology, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Talk 1: CUP pathways and outcomes in the North West -

**Dr Claire Mitchell**, Consultant in Medical Oncology, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Talk 2: Improving CUP Pathways

**Alison Taylor**, Nurse Consultant, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Talk 3: Patients' Experiences of Coping Longer-Term with CUP

**Hayley Slater**, Clinical Psychologist, Lancaster University

Q&A Session

## 14.00 Session 2: Translational Research and Clinical Trials in CUP

**Chairperson:** **Dr Natalie Cook** Senior Clinical Lecturer in Experimental Cancer Medicine and Honorary Consultant at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Talk 1: Translational Research in CUP -the Manchester perspective

**Alicia Marie Conway**, Clinical Fellow, Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute

Talk 2: Clinical trials in CUP in the NW and beyond

**Julie-Anne Scott**, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Q&A Session

## 14.40 Break

## 15.00 Session 3: The future of CUP patient pathways and research in the North West

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This session will take place on Zoom and will be interactive discussions and breakout sessions:

Introduction and potential ideas

Breakout groups

Main group discussions

Summary and next steps

## 16.00 Meeting Close