

# Introduction



#### The Christie

The Christie in Manchester, UK, is an international leader in cancer care, with many world firsts in oncology having been discovered or trialled here.

Through its international team, expert oncology advice, education and training, is offered to clients across the world, from established providers looking to optimise existing services to new market entrants.

Whatever the stage of development, The Christie has an offer that can meet the needs of its clients.



"Here at The Christie, we are committed to providing exceptional levels of care to our patients and are delighted to be able to work with international healthcare organisations to share our experience."

Professor Peter Trainer, Clinical Lead, International Affiliate Programme



### **International Affiliate Programme**

The International Affiliate Programme offers a unique opportunity to experience first-hand the expert skills, knowledge and services at this prestigious cancer institute. The Christie's dedicated School of Oncology and strong relationship with the University of Manchester has also resulted in a diverse programme of education and training being developed.

For an annual fee, affiliated organisations, committed to improving the delivery of their oncology care, can access world leading cancer experts and education and training opportunities, whilst promoting their participation in the Affiliate programme within their own country.

### Fast paced and responsive

The programme is designed to be immediately accessible, with affiliated organisations benefitting from a standard programme of activity but with flexibility built in for participants to ensure opportunities are targeted to address their specific needs.

Participation in the programme is renewable on an annual basis for a fixed fee each year.



## Affiliate Programme Benefits



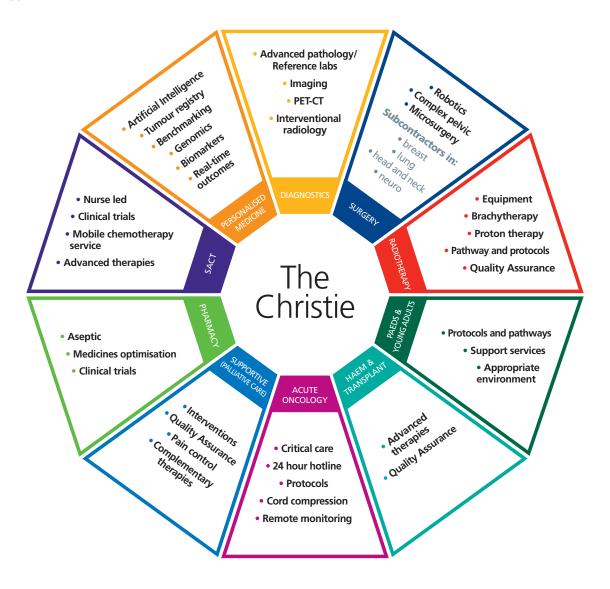
As an Affiliate of The Christie, organisations will become part of a worldwide network of cancer centres with the opportunity to connect through The Christie with similar organisations in sharing learning. Each Affiliate will have a named Christie Liaison Manager to ensure they secure

the most out of their membership. Each will receive an annual electronic certificate and badge which can be used to highlight their participation in the programme and the nature of their partnership with The Christie in a variety of ways (guidance on this will be provided to each Affiliate). As a minimum, affiliated organisations can benefit from the following programme.

Benefit	Summary
Advice from world leading cancer experts	
Introductory visit to The Christie to establish relationships with experts	<ul> <li>In the first year, organisations will be offered a two day visit to The Christie site in Manchester. A programme of meetings and networking opportunities will be arranged with clinical and academic leaders, tailored to specific areas of interest.</li> <li>During this visit, arrangements can be made for a ceremonial signing of the Affiliate agreement to promote this association.</li> <li>This visit can be held in conjunction with the Greater Manchester Cancer Conference, offering an opportunity to meet cancer specialists from a broad range of organisations and learn about innovations in care being progressed in this area.</li> <li>A tour of The Christie site and local centres will be undertaken which may include access to the proton beam therapy centre, School of Oncology, and Manchester Oglesby cancer research building.</li> <li>Where possible we will look to build in opportunities to visit scientific heritage sites in Manchester and to share experiences with other affiliated organisations.</li> </ul>
Ongoing liaison with experts	<ul> <li>The Christie will host quarterly video/teleconferences to allow individuals from affiliated organisations to discuss specific topics with key experts and explore any potential for further bespoke partnerships.</li> <li>A nominated Liaison Manager will be assigned to facilitate these discussions and respond to queries at other times.</li> <li>In subsequent years, having previously toured The Christie affiliated organisations may wish to tailor their affiliation programme visit to focus more on specific meetings around areas of interest.</li> </ul>
Education and training underpinned by pioneering research	
Premium observership placements	<ul> <li>Affiliated organisations are invited to send three individuals for up to three week placements each at The Christie. Tailored programmes will be developed to meet each individual's learning objectives. The Christie School of Oncology offers placements to all healthcare professionals in a wide range of specialisms.</li> <li>One or more of these placements could be combined with the site visit mentioned above.</li> </ul>
Oncology education event series	<ul> <li>Affiliated organisations will be offered access to up to 10 oncology events from a comprehensive annual series, either by attending The Christie School of Oncology state of the art training facilities or by accessing sessions from their own location through online streaming.</li> </ul>

### Additional bespoke opportunities

Affiliated organisations also have the opportunity to seek additional support to meet their specific oncology service requirements. Tailored programmes can be developed to advise on establishing new or optimising existing services across the spectrum of oncology treatments as shown.



Longer term, academic courses, fellowships and tailored education and training opportunities are also available in many of these specialisms through The Christie School of Oncology, and sub-faculties, The Christie Proton School or PET-CT Academy.

The Christie Research team continues to expand its portfolio through excellent international collaborations across all therapies, from experimental therapies to the latest diagnostics and palliative care. Affiliated organisations may in the longer term also wish to explore opportunities in these areas.

### Why choose The Christie?

The Christie offers an unparalleled opportunity to not only become part of the prestigious clinical heritage of The Christie but also of Manchester – a city that has long been recognised as a leader in scientific discovery.

Visit where Ernest Rutherford first discovered the Proton, where Alan Turing pioneered artificial intelligence and the home of graphene discovery.

As part of the programme, you will learn about the hospital which has been a leader in cancer care for over 100 years and how it has grown to become Europe's largest single site cancer centre, treating more than 44,000 patients a year.

Nationally and internationally recognised as a centre of excellence, The Christie has been re-accredited as a designated Comprehensive Cancer Centre by the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) and has been consistently rated 'outstanding' by the national healthcare regulator, The Care Quality Commission (CQC).

A Newsweek survey in 2019 rated The Christie as one of the top specialised hospitals in the world, with one of the largest radiotherapy departments, including the recently established National NHS proton beam therapy centre.

As a leading cancer centre, The Christie places research and education at the heart of its progress and was named by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), as one of the best hospitals providing opportunities for patients to take part in clinical research studies, with over 650 ongoing clinical trials. Our membership of the Union of International Cancer Control (UICC), OECI, European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS) and the European Society of Medical Oncology ensures that we remain at the forefront of advancements in oncology care.

Since 1901 The Christie has been dedicated and passionate about leading the way in treatment, research and education, remaining committed to help all those affected by cancer both now and in the future. We welcome organisations wanting to participate in the International Affiliate Programme who share that same dedication, passion and commitment.

"It was a pleasure working with The Christie as we developed and opened a large new radiation oncology centre in Cork University Hospital. With a growing department, evolving to introduce new techniques and new technology, it was important to have an objective, external partner bring their expertise in training and mentorship to the project. The aim is to maintain these clinical and academic links between the teams and their respective institutions into the future."

Dr Jerome Coffey MD FRCPI FRCR FFRRCSI, Director, National Cancer Control Programme, Ireland.





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