

**GUIDELINES and SHARED CARE PATHWAYS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SARCOMAS
ARISING FROM THE HEAD AND NECK REGION**

**FROM THE GREATER MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE CANCER NETWORK HEAD AND
NECK CSG**

AND THE GREATER MANCHESTER & OSWESTRY ADULT SARCOMA MDT

Team

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Lead ENT Surgeon	Mr A Birzgalis , Wythenshawe Hospital
Lead Radiologist	Dr P Hulse Christie
Lead H&N Clinical Oncologist	Dr A Sykes Christie
Lead Sarcoma Clinical Oncologist	Dr J Wylie Christie
Lead Sarcoma Medical Oncologist	Dr M Leahy Christie

Sarcomas arising in the aero-digestive tract of the head and neck are associated with poorer outcomes than those at other sites. Management is complex and benefits from an experienced MDT. There may be a greater role for neo-adjuvant treatment for sarcomas in this site, requiring close coordination between head and neck surgeons, maxillo-facial surgeons and oncologists. The South Sector H&N MDT takes place at Christie every Tuesday morning 8.30-9.00. All head and neck patients with sarcoma should be discussed at this MDT where core sarcoma members (Dr Leahy and Dr Wylie) attend to provide specialist sarcoma advice. All patients with a new diagnosis of sarcoma must be referred to a Sarcoma Specialist pathologist for definitive pathology review. If this has not already happened this can be provided by Dr P Shenjere/Dr D Nonaka for soft tissue tumours and Dr C Mangham (Oswestry) for bone tumours. Patients can then be jointly assessed in the joint sarcoma clinic at Christie where there is a parallel head and neck clinic staffed by Mr Birzgalis and Mr Patel (Tuesday 9-12). The head and neck sarcoma team can therefore provide a surgical/radiotherapy/chemotherapy service for patients with tumours of maxilla, mandible, oral cavity, pharynx and larynx and patients should be referred to this team from adjoining H&N MDT's when sarcoma is suspected or confirmed.

Sarcomas involving skull base should be referred to the Thursday morning CMFT/ Christie H&N MDT (takes place at the Christie, 8am, same co-coordinator as per Tuesday MDT).

The sarcoma H&N MDT co-ordinator (Andrea Harrison) is responsible for informing non-surgical oncology core members of the sarcoma MDT to attend the weekly H&N MDT at Christie (Tuesday 8.30-9.00) when such patients are discussed.

Management will be agreed after joint discussion between the head and neck sarcoma MDT at Christie and the Head and Neck cancer MDT at the referring centre. The place of surgery will be advised through this joint treatment planning process and in discussion with referring Head and Neck teams.

Any radiotherapy treatment needed is typically planned jointly by Drs Wylie/Choudhury and the relevant head and neck site specific Clinical Oncologist.

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