



NPaCA

National Pancreatic
Cancer Audit

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Want to hear more?

The NPaCA is part of the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN). If you want to find out more about NATCAN visit our [new website](#). If you would like to receive regular updates send us an email NATCAN@rcseng.ac.uk

Announcing the launch of NPaCA!

We are excited to announce the launch of the new National Pancreatic Cancer Audit (NPACA). The Audit is part of the **National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN)**, which is hosted by the Clinical Effectiveness Unit at the Royal College of Surgeons and commenced in October 2022. NATCAN is a new centre of excellence in cancer audits.

NPACA is one of six new national audits, commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP), on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government.

The audit aims to support NHS services to increase the consistency of access to treatments for pancreatic cancer and to stimulate improvements in the quality of care, leading to better outcomes for patients.

Dr Ganesh Radhakrishna observes, *"The audit will draw on data on everything from how long a patient stayed in hospital, when they received their diagnosis, and when, where and what treatments patients received. The extensive analysis of data from across the Trusts, along with consultation with patient-focused, pancreatic cancer charities, representatives from clinical practice and professional bodies, will provide an understanding of exactly how care is being delivered to pancreatic cancer patients"*.

More information about the NPaCA can be found [here](#).



Introducing our Clinical Leads

Our multidisciplinary audit team includes three highly experienced Clinical Leads, with expertise in pancreatic cancer care:

Professor Nigel Trudgill - Consultant Gastroenterologist, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

Mr Andrew Smith - Consultant General Surgeon, Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust

Dr Ganesh Radhakrishna - Consultant Clinical Oncologist, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust.

Pancreatic Cancer UK (PCUK)

Watch this [short film](#) to hear what the charity's Health Intelligence and Improvement Lead, Georgia Papacleovoulou, had to say about the audit.



Our Data Use

In line with other national audits, NPaCA will not 'collect' clinical data and instead will utilise nationally mandated flows of data from cancer patients to the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS), NHSE, the Wales Cancer Network and Public Health Wales.

For English patients, the NPaCA has access to the Gold Standard dataset and rapid cancer registration dataset (RCRD). The RCRD allows timely and frequent (at least quarterly) reporting to cancer services. The Gold standard dataset provides a richer description of cancer patients but is less timely presently.

During the first year, we will explore how to use these datasets to define robust indicators that can support our quality improvement initiatives and decision making by cancer services.

In the Autumn, we will publish a minimum dataset comprising relevant data items, which hospitals can check are being completed and submitted to the NDRS or the Wales Cancer Network. For more information see our FAQ page [here](#).



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