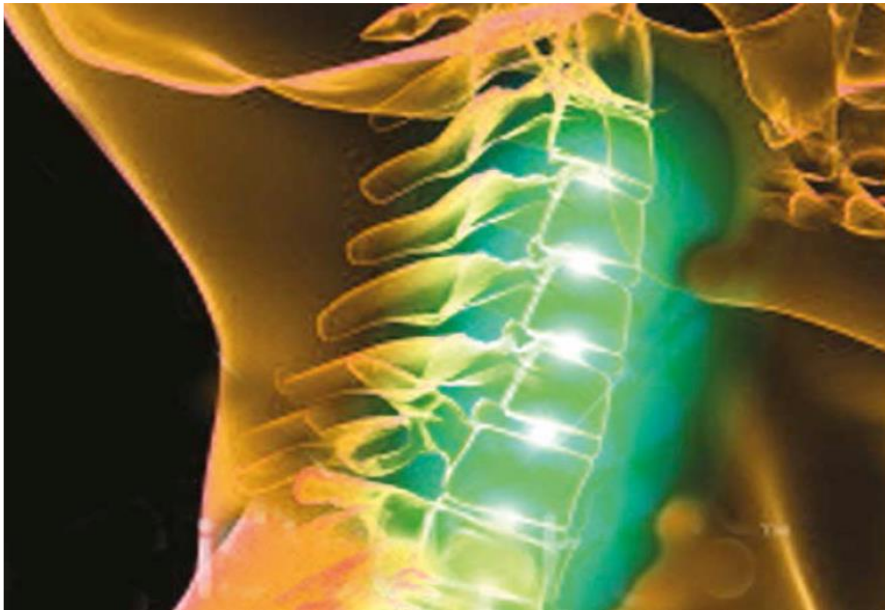


# The 13th Annual Royal Marsden Head & Neck Conference : Early Detection of Head & Neck Cancer- Changes, Challenges and Consequences

Friday 11th November 2022



**Cost:**

£180 Full Delegate  
£120 Trainees and CNSs

**Venue:**

**The Royal College of Physicians**  
London, NW1 4LE

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## Overview

After the success of the last twelve years, it is with great pleasure that you are invited to participate in the 13th Royal Marsden Head and Neck Conference. This year we are delighted that we will be back to having a face-to-face meeting.

As always, we aim to cover a variety of interesting topics. With the new DoH emphasis, and rightly so, on earlier diagnosis of cancer and advances in technology, this year we have chosen to focus on early detection of head and neck cancer.

This event assembles some of the country's leading experts to critically discuss the evidence base for a wide range of pertinent topics. The event will be of particular interest to colleagues who are involved in all aspects of diagnosis of head and neck cancer, whether in the primary, secondary or tertiary care setting. Our invitation is extended to consultants and trainees alike, as well as other members of the multidisciplinary team. The event will be interactive with ample opportunity to discuss the evidence presented.

The day will consist of evidence-based lectures that will focus on the changes coming about in early detection of primary and recurrent head and neck cancer, the challenges faced in bringing about such advances and what consequences early detection will have on patients and the healthcare system.

We look forward to you all joining us in November.

**Professor Vin Paleri**

Prof. for H&N Surgery, Director of IReC

**Professor Cyrus Kerawala**

Consultant Maxillofacial, H&N  
Surgeon

**Co-organisers:**

Mr John Hardman  
Mr Ahmad Adam Hariri  
Miss Theofano Tikka

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## Programme

**09:00 Registration and Coffee**

**09:25 Welcome and Introduction**

Professor Cyrus Kerawala, Consultant Maxillofacial H&N Surgeon  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

### SESSION 1

**Chair: Mr Ahmad Adam Hariri**

**09:30 Variation in referral criteria within primary care: will they increase early diagnostic rates?**

Dr Paula Bradley, GP Central Gateshead Medical Group, Menopause Specialist  
Newson Health, Associate University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

**09:50 Direct triaging for imaging in head and neck cancer referrals: clinical correlation advised?**

Dr Derfel Ap Dafydd, Consultant Radiologist  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**10:10 Biomarkers for early detection of H&N Cancer**

Dr Ben O'Leary, Clinician Scientist and Honorary Consultant in Clinical  
Oncology  
The Institute of Cancer Research  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**10:30 Q&A Session and Panel Discussion**

**11:00 Break**

### SESSION 2

**Chair: Miss Theofano Tikka**

**11:20 Faster Diagnostic Standard – Pathway in practice**

Miss Maureen McGinn, Senior Project Manager  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**11:40 The Role of AHPs in Early H&N Cancer Detection**

Professor Joanne Patterson, Professor of Speech and Language Therapy  
Associate Head of Research at School of Health Sciences  
University of Liverpool

**12:00 Societal challenges in Early H&N Cancer Detection**

Dr Suzanne Scott, Health Psychologist and Reader in Health Psychology  
King's College London

**12:20 Q&A Session and Panel Discussion**

**12:50 Lunch & Exhibition Networking Session**



### SESSION 3

**Chair: Mr John Hardman**

**13:40 Early Detection of H&N Cancer: Role of Technology applications**

Mr Ajith George, Head and Neck Surgeon, Anatomy Lecturer and Medical  
Director of endoscope-i Ltd  
Royal Stoke University Hospital

**14:00 AI in Cancer Detection: Fad or the Future?**

Miss Hanya Mahmood, NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow, Oral Surgery  
University of Sheffield

**14:20 Putting patients at the centre of cancer referral pathway; a marriage of symptoms and technology**

Miss Amy O'Reilly, Programme Manager, EVEREST-HN  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**14:40 Driving Early Diagnosis Locally and Nationally: Lessons from Lung Cancer**

Dr Richard Lee, Consultant Physician in Respiratory Medicine  
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**15:00 Q&A Session and Panel Discussion**

**15:30 Break**

### SESSION 4 : Panel Discussion

**Chair: Professor Vin Paleri**

**16:00 Meeting the NHS long term cancer plan: Do we need to re-strategise?**

Miss Catriona Douglas, Head and Neck Consultant, Queen Elizabeth University  
Hospital, Glasgow

Mr Ajith George, Head and Neck Consultant, Royal Stoke Hospital  
Mr Paul Pracy, Head and Neck Consultant, Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Birmingham

Dr Paula Bradley, GP Central Gateshead Medical Group

Mrs Katharine Davies, Head and Neck Consultant, Liverpool University Hospital

Mr James O'Hara, Head and Neck Consultant, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

Mrs Daljit Dhariwal, Vice President of the British Association of Oral &  
Maxillofacial Surgeons, Consultant in OMFS, Oxford Radcliff, UK

**17:00 Closing Remarks**