

# Oncology factsheet

The Neuro oncology team aims to provide a timely and up-to date service to all our patients that suffer from brain and spinal tumours.

We aspire to tailor each consultation and management plan to each individual's needs, while at the same time adhering to NICE guidelines and best available evidence.

We have an established weekly Neuro Oncology Multidisciplinary meeting where all the patients with a presumed diagnosis of a tumour are discussed and a management plan is formulated. (more info)

We are very humbled and honoured that our team has recently been recognised as a Tessa Jowell Centre of Excellence following rigorous expert-led assessments by the Tessa Jowell Brain Mission.

The team consists of Neurosurgeons, Neuro-oncologists, Neuroradiologists, Neuropathologists, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Neuropsychologists, Allied Health Professionals, Neurologist and has a dedicated MDT coordinator.

We have strong links with the Christie Hospital as well as imaging and research facilities that allow early and safe diagnosis and streamlining of care pathways.

Salford Royal Hospital Neuro oncology team is a busy service with a large combined experience of treating patients, with more than 2000 new referrals and approximately 450 operations per year.

We are able to provide cutting- edge treatments for brain and primary spinal tumours. This includes:

- Fluoresceine-guided surgery for maximal resection of high grade tumours. (more info)
- An established awake craniotomy service with motor and language mapping (for patients with tumours in eloquent areas of the brain) in conjunction with experienced neuroanesthetists and the neuropsychology team.
- Intraoperative monitoring during tumour surgery modern neuronavigation and neuroendoscopy systems
- Stereotactic radiosurgery, a non-invasive procedure which delivers very precise radiation therapy and used primarily for tumours and other abnormalities of the

brain.

There are 4 dedicated Neuro oncology Surgeons: Miss Konstantina Karabatsou (Lead clinician for Neuro oncology), Mr Pietro D'Urso, Mr David Coope and Mr Matthew Bailey.

The team is supported by 2 neurooncology specialist nurses - Sarah Cundliffe and Alison Gilston-Hope.

Sarah Cundliffe

Alison Gilston-Hope



We offer a 12 month neurooncology fellowship that provides an excellent opportunity to senior trainees to expand their experience in neurooncology surgery and this is recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons.

## Research:

the team has a strong commitment to research and has strong links with the University of Manchester. There are a number of ongoing research projects and dedicated research fellows working closely with the clinicians

We are also involved in several clinical trials offering our patients the opportunity to enroll in new innovative treatments.

MDT referral link:  <https://neurooncology.srft.nhs.uk>

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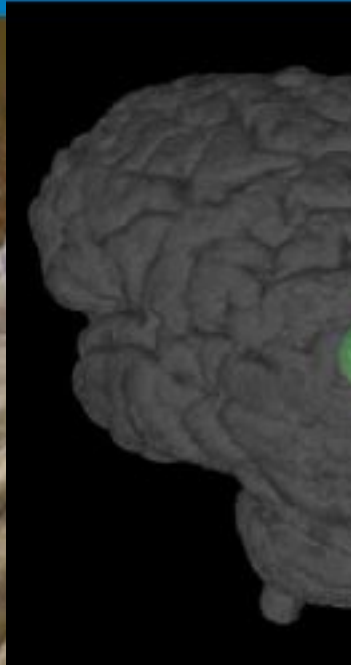
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