

NPCA Newsletter, February 2024

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Introducing the New Clinical Lead - Oncology



We are delighted to welcome Dr Alison Tree to the National Prostate Cancer Audit as the Clinical Lead for Oncology. Alison joins us from The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust where she is a Consultant Clinical Oncologist.

"I am excited to join the NPCA team and help to continue the fantastic work. The audit has been instrumental in driving up the standard of prostate cancer care over the last decade, highlighting areas for development and spotlighting inequalities across England and Wales. Accurate and robust data enables us to continue to strive for improved outcomes for all men with prostate cancer."

You can follow Alison on @alison_tree

Alison replaces Dr Ajay Aggarwal, Consultant Clinical Oncologist at Guy's St Thomas' Hospitals and Associate Professor at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Ajay was appointed Clinical Director of the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN) in September 2023.

The NPCA State of the Nation Report 2023

On the 11th January 2024, the team published the National Prostate Cancer Audit State of the Nation Report 2023. The 2023 report provides the results of the audit of the care received by people with prostate cancer in England and Wales from 01/01/2019 to 31/01/2023, and has been presented in the new shorter 'State of the Nation' format (12 pages), along with other NATCAN audits.

Based on audit findings, the NPCA team made five recommendations to support improvements in prostate cancer care. You can read the report by going to <https://www.npc.org.uk/reports/npc-state-of-the-nation-report/> on our website. You can also find the 2023 Methodology supplement and a quality improvement action plan template for trusts to use.

Individual provider results are also available on our website <https://www.npc.org.uk/provider-results/>

NPCA quality improvement workshop

The NPCA are hosting an online workshop focusing on the science of performance in prostate radiotherapy and building capacity in prostate cancer care.

The workshop is being held on **Thursday 21st March 2024 between 15.00 – 17.00.**

The aim of the workshop is to reflect on how the results of the NPCA have been utilised to drive quality improvement and to explore the future priorities for the audit. It is designed for MDT members, including Clinical Leads, Specialist Nurses, and Radiographers, from NHS providers in England and Wales.

Look out for an Eventbrite invitation that will be sent to people on our distribution list in the coming weeks with details of how to register for the event.

If you would like to attend the event but did not receive the 'save the date' email invitation, please email NPCA@rcseng.ac.uk

