

Supporting earlier diagnosis of cancer in primary care

UCLH Cancer Collaborative (UCLHCC) is working with two prestigious education providers to offer online learning to support primary care staff to support primary care staff in identifying suspected cancer earlier, especially when symptoms are vague or unclear. We have also developed a coding and safety netting online learning package with Macmillan Cancer Support.

Diagnosing cancer earlier means better outcomes. For example, colorectal cancer, England's fourth most common cancer, can be treated successfully 90% of the time – if diagnosed early enough.

Earlier diagnosis is one of the key areas of focus of the UCLHCC, which works across north central and east London and west Essex to improve cancer patient experience and outcomes.

Primary care education is one part of our earlier diagnosis work which also includes screening programmes and raising awareness. We have worked with GP cancer leads to ensure that the programmes meet the needs of primary care staff.

BMJ OnExamination learning to support earlier diagnosis of cancer

We have teamed up with the BMJ OnExamination platform to offer modules to support the earlier diagnosis of the most common cancers presenting in primary care. Cancer types covered include breast, head and neck, lung, skin and soft tissue, abdominal and pelvic (upper GI, colorectal and gynaecological), urological and prostate and rare cancers.

The package contains current and evidence-based clinical content aligned to clinical guidance. It's convenient (you can work at your own pace, wherever you have an internet connection), CPD approved and free of charge.

To receive your personal log-in please visit <https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/OurServices/ServiceA-Z/Cancer/CANAC/Pages/BMJdiagnosisofcancerrGP.aspx> or email uclh.cancer.academy@nhs.net

RCGP/UCLH Cancer Collaborative colorectal cancer online course

In partnership with the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) UCLHCC has developed an e-learning course about colorectal cancer. This course has been developed for GPs and other primary care professionals. The 30 minute module provides an overview of the colorectal cancer pathway, with a focus on the reasons behind late presentation. Diagnostic and screening investigations are also explored, as are next steps following referral to the cancer pathway.

Go to <http://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/colorectal>

Coding and safety netting in the context of cancer

We are working to support GPs by providing practical solutions that address the need for rigorous safety netting in primary care.

We have developed an e-learning module with Macmillan Cancer Support – Coding and safety netting in the context of cancer.

The course is suitable for GPs, GP trainees and other primary care clinical staff. The aims of the course are:

- To be aware of the clinical and non-clinical implications of coding
- To raise awareness of the benefits of coding and safety netting in improving clinical care, diagnosis and community management of individuals with cancer and other long term conditions
- To gain skills in high quality coding and electronic methods of safety netting within everyday clinical practice

Go to www.uclh.nhs.uk/codingsafetynetting

About UCLH Cancer Collaborative

UCLH Cancer Collaborative is part of the national Cancer Vanguard – for more information visit: <https://www.uclh.nhs.uk/cancercollaborative>

A wide range of education programmes for staff working in cancer services, and for people with cancer, are being developed by the Cancer Academy. For more information visit: www.uclh.nhs.uk/canceracademy