

NLCA Newsletter, April 2023

Newsletter highlights

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1. State of the Nation Report 2022

The National Lung Cancer Audit Project Team is in the final stages of producing the first 'State of the Nation' report for patients diagnosed with lung cancer between 1 January and 31 December 2021 in England and Wales.

The report will be published in April 2023, in advance of the 21st Annual Conference of the [British Thoracic Oncology Group](#). For the first time, we report on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on lung cancer care in Wales during 2020, as well as giving insight into the care of patients with lung cancer by NHS services in England and Wales during 2021.

We thank all NHS Trust and Health Board teams for your outstanding efforts in submitting data to the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) and the Wales Cancer Network (WCN) throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.



Save the date!

The publication date of the first NLCA State of the Nation report is 13 April 2023*, supporting materials (such as an NHS organisation data viewer) will also be published.

*subject to clearance and sign off.

21st BTOG Annual Conference - session 9, 10am on Friday 28 April - presentation on the NLCA State of the Nation report by Dr Neal Navani, NLCA Senior Clinical Lead.

2. Data completeness

Improving data completeness is essential for the NLCA to measure the care and outcomes of patients with lung cancer. Please continue to submit key routine COSD data items to the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) and the Welsh Cancer Network (WCN). Here is a link to the [NLCA Minimum Dataset](#).

We are currently exploring more frequent (quarterly) reporting using rapid cancer registration data which is available to the team 3 – 6 months following diagnosis.

3. Patient and Public Involvement

A public and patients' version of the NLCA State of the Nation report will be available from 13 April 2023. The NLCA is in the early stages of setting up a Patient and Public Involvement forum and will be working with the Roy Castle Lung Foundation to recruit patients.

4. New national cancer audits

The Royal College of Surgeons of England has been commissioned to create a [National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre \(NATCAN\)](#), by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government. This includes new audits in breast, ovarian, pancreatic, and kidney cancer as well as non-Hodgkin lymphoma. To receive information about these audits, please email natcan@rcseng.ac.uk, indicating which audit you are interested in.



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