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Referral for radiotherapy to radiotherapy departments outside the sarcoma centres

Principles

Where possible, patients requiring radiotherapy are treated at the sarcoma centres. However, the advantages of treatment in a specialist centre need to be balanced against the disadvantages of such treatment away from home, especially when this is palliative in intent. The decision on the balance is made by the specialist clinical oncologist at the sarcoma centre who makes or facilitates the referral to a named clinical oncologist at a centre closer to home.

Children and young people, those receiving concurrent chemoradiation (and hence most bone tumours treated radically), those with head and neck sarcomas or other technically complex sites will normally be treated at the sarcoma centre.

The information given to the accepting clinical oncologist includes:

- a referral letter outlining the clinical background, relevant co-morbidity, recommendations on dose and any specific technical issues
- MDT decision sheets
- resection histology or, if preoperative radiotherapy is being requested, biopsy histology
- imaging reports – primary sites and staging
- images of primary site
- a contact email and phone number for the centre clinical oncologist

The treating oncologist is asked to provide details of the treatment delivered and either refer back to the centre for follow up or undertake part or all of follow up themselves, if requested, copying the centre into correspondence.

Criteria for referral to radiotherapy department outside of the sarcoma centre:

- Agreement from the Network Radiotherapy Group, the SAG and the Network Board that the radiotherapy department is authorised to treat sarcoma patients
- A named consultant clinical oncologist with experience of radiotherapy of sarcoma
- The named consultant clinical oncologist should be named as a member of a relevant extended sarcoma MDT
- The named consultant clinical oncologist should have specified time in their job plans for the care of patients with the relevant sarcoma including time worked in a designated department
- There should be agreement from the consultant clinical oncologist's clinical director
- Willingness to maintain communication with the sarcoma centre
- Ability to start radiotherapy from **receipt of referral**
 - within 2 weeks for preoperative radiotherapy
 - within 2-3 weeks for palliative treatment
 - within 4-6 weeks for radical treatments depending on operation date and recovery
- For radical treatments

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- a mould room able to provide sufficient and adequate immobilisation of limbs
- CTV to PTV margins based on local audit of set up reproducibility

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Designated radiotherapy practitioners outside of sarcoma centres

Hospital	Practitioner	Contact details	Soft tissue sarcoma		Bone sarcoma		Children and Young Peoples Services	
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