

## The EVEREST-HN Launch Event

Developing a patient-reported symptom-based risk stratification system to improve the care of suspected HN cancer referrals

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Register:**

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**Cost:** FREE

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## Overview

**EVEREST-HN** stands for 'EVolution of a patiEnt-REported symptom-based risk stratification sySTem to redesign the suspected Head & Neck cancer referral pathway'.

**EVEREST-HN** is an ambitious research programme involving collaborations with researchers from across the UK based in numerous NHS institutions and 7 UK universities.

**EVEREST-HN** aims to improve the suspected head and neck cancer pathway by asking patients referred to hospital to tell us more about their symptoms before they are reviewed by a specialist. The specialist will then review this information, before the patient comes to hospital, coordinate the next steps in the patients care with the goal of speeding up diagnosis, improving the patient experience and optimising the use of healthcare resources, compared to the current system.

The launch event will focus on:

- Describing **EVEREST-HN** work package plans
- Identifying Work Package roadblocks
- Sharing the patient experience of the suspected head and neck cancer pathway
- Outlining the opportunities for PIs and Associate PIs in **EVEREST-HN**

***EVEREST-HN** is designed to produce earlier diagnosis of suspected Head and Neck Cancer patients. From a patients perspective early diagnosis will enable speedier treatment if Head and Neck Cancer is detected and reduced anxiety if it is not. That is why I'm pleased to assist in this project – **Chris Elkington, PPIE Representative***

# Programme

**Event Chair: Amy O'Reilly**

**13:00 Registration**

**13:30 Welcome and Introduction**

Professor Vin Paleri, Consultant Head & Neck Surgeon, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

Professor Jo Patterson, Professor of Speech & Language Therapy, University of Liverpool

**13:40 EVEREST-HN and the suspected head and neck cancer pathway**

Mr John Hardman, ENT Registrar, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**13:50 Suspected head and neck cancer - the patient experience and patient involvement plans**

Mr Chris Elkington, PPI Representative with lived experience of HNC, Patient Public Involvement Group Chair, Co-Investigator

Mr John Holmes, PPI Representative with lived experience of HNC, Co-Investigator

**14:00 Q&A**

**14:10 PIs, Associate PIs and EVEREST-HN: why the PI role is very different to other studies**

Mr John Hardman, ENT Registrar, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**Work Package 1 Chair: Professor Richard Hooper**  
**Symptom iNput Clinical (SYNC) system development phase-1**

**14:20 Evidence review of HNC symptoms**

Dr Paula Bradley, General Practitioner

Miss Theofano Tikka, ENT Surgeon, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**14:30 Generation of SYNC symptom questionnaire and specification**

Dr Nikki Rousseau, University Academic Fellow, University of Leeds

**14:40 Q&A**

**15:00 Break**

**Work Packages 2 & 3 Chair: Professor Borislava Mihaylova**

**WP2: SYNC system development phase-2 and integration into hospital workflow**

**15:10 Co-design of the SYNC symptom questionnaire and SYNC reports**

Professor Rebecca Randell, University of Bradford

**15:20 Co-design of behaviour change intervention materials**

Dr Ian Kellar, Associate Professor of Health Psychology, University of Leeds

**15:30 SYNC system integration into existing hospital workflows**

Ms Lisa Emery, Chief Information Officer, Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**15:40 Q&A**

**16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:20 WP3: Informatics linkage of national datasets for suspected HNC referrals**

Professor Jan Van Der Meulen, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

**Work Package 4: Chair: Professor Cyrus Kerawala**

**16:30 SYNC system development phase-3: Intervention finalisation and feasibility study**

Dr Nikki Rousseau, University of Leeds

Professor Vinidh Paleri, Consultant Head & Neck Surgeon, Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**16:45 Break out sessions: Defining roadblocks to WP4**

**Chairs:**

Mr John Hardman, ENT Registrar, Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

Miss Theofano Tikka, ENT Surgeon, Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

Mr Karan Kapoor, Consultant Head & Neck and Thyroid Surgeon, East Surrey Hospital

Professor Jo Patterson, Professor of Speech & Language Therapy, University of Liverpool

**17:20 EVEREST-HN: Summary of roadblocks**

Professor Cyrus Kerawala, Consultant Maxillofacial / Head and Neck Surgeon, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**17:30 Close and Summary**

Professor Vinidh Paleri, Consultant Head & Neck Surgeon, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

**17:40 Cheese and Wine**