

# **The Introduction of the Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression Co-ordinator**

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# Objectives

- Awareness of UK MSCC guidelines / peer review measures
- Explore the different role options
- Challenges
- Patient pathway before and after the role
- Audits
- Future developments / challenges

# MSCC guidelines / timescales

- [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg75](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg75)
- [www.cquins.nhs.uk](http://www.cquins.nhs.uk)

# Patient pathway pre role

- GP
- ED
- MAU
- Medical ward
- Referral to orthopaedics or oncology

# Patient pathway after the role

- GP
- Oncology bed (if known cancer)
- T&O bed if Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)
- CDU (if no beds)
- Out of hours

# Challenges

- Who should do the role ?
- Communication both within and outside of the trust of the role/  
pathway
- Patients treated across sites

# Challenges

- Outside sourced MRI scans/reports
- Auditing the pathway / effectiveness / peer review measures
- Transport into the hospital

# Other initiatives

- AOS team (consultant and nurses)
- Trust AOS group
- Trust training
- Online modules for awareness/ training
- Extra oncology beds
- Extra radiology support
- Patient information leaflet

# Future plans / challenges

- Update pathway
- Electronic referrals
- Further communication in GP brief