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Please find below, details of the most recent communications and guidance issued for Cancer. Please share this with colleagues and other teams who may find these updates useful.

Wessex Cancer Alliance updates

- The national **Help Us Help You** campaign will be focusing on Lung cancer, with TV adverts starting today and more social media and press to follow later in the week. Resources for this campaign will be made available through the [Public Health website](#). Please use these materials on your website and digital screens where possible and support the campaign on your social media channels. The national cancer team have also asked if any lung cancer patients from our Alliance area, would be willing to share their experience of having lung cancer during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you know of any patients who would be willing to do this, please may we ask you to contact us to take this forward.
- Our colleagues at Wessex Voices have organised a webinar for people to find out more about our **patient, public and carer involvement network**. This will be an informal discussion, via Zoom and is taking place on Thursday 11, March from 5.30-7pm. Please share the registration details with anyone you think may be interested:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cancer-alliance-patient-carer-public-involvement-network-info-session-tickets-138925976335>
- The next **pre/rehab webinar** will be taking place on Tuesday 23, February from 1-2pm. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). All slides from these webinar series, are available to [view on our website](#).

National Information

- The **UK Lung Cancer Clinical Expert Group (CEG) and Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation** have developed guidance on [how to differentiate lung cancer from COVID-19](#). This is in the form of an infographic which also provides suggestions for diagnostic actions and tests which may help a clinician determine an accurate diagnosis.
- There are a number of free cancer-specific webinars now available on the Gateway C website, you can access them here: <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/free-webinars/>
- **Macmillan** have published a new report: [Caught in the maze: delivering personalised integrated care for people with cancer](#).
- **UKONS** have shared details of a survey currently underway to look at **the impact of Covid-19 on the cancer workforce**. Please follow the link if you are a health professional and would like to [complete this survey](#).
- **Ethical decision making** – Macmillan have developed some supporting resources around [ethical decision making](#).
- We recently shared the **UK Chemotherapy Board's FAQ** document for Covid-19 and patients receiving SACT. This has now been [updated with new answers added](#) to reflect the option to give both dose of vaccine prior to starting SACT, if timing allows.



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- **Specialty guidance for cancer** can be found on NICE website and will continue to be published on their Covid-19 pages: <https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19/specialty-guides>

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