

PROPOSAL - BGCS National COVID FORUM

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Objectives

1. To support decision making in gynaecological oncology during the Covid-19 pandemic
2. To provide peer to peer support and knowledge sharing
3. A pilot project to provide a national forum for the BGCS

Background

- 3.1. The Covid-19 (C-19) pandemic will result in significant rationing of healthcare delivery in the UK
- 3.2. Gynaecological cancer care delivery in the UK will be restricted
- 3.3. The C-19 situation is evolving rapidly and a forum has been proposed to allow group discussion of cases, protocols and peer support
- 3.4. The BGCS National Covid Forum would allow collaborative, respectful national effort to provide a platform across all centres to discuss challenging cases, ethical dilemmas, service challenges and share protocols/ideas

4. Scope

- 4.1. Clinical and ethical dilemmas/cases related to the management of gynaecological cancers during the C-19 epidemic
- 4.2. Case discussion
 - Submitted by cancer centres for discussion
 - Anonymised prior to submission
 - Pathology/ radiology reviewed by centre prior to submission
 - Specific questions directed to the forum
- 4.3. Sharing novel practice and discussing safe prioritisation of care, peer to peer support and knowledge sharing

5. Set up

Proposal 1 – Virtual BGCS Covid Forum

- 5.1. A zoom meeting set up every Tuesday 1700 during the pandemic.
- 5.2. First meeting April 7th 2020 at 1700
- 5.3. Go to meeting platform (BGCS has a licence)
- 5.4. Invitation to submit cases via the proforma to bgcsforum@gmail.com

5.5. Cases will be advertised with an agenda on the BGCS members website and the discussions in the Forum will be summarised to reflect the same. The cases will be posted in the members area of the BGCS website.

5.6. Agenda:

5.6.1. Welcome from BGCS President

5.6.2. Introduction of chair and moderators (representatives across UK including surgical oncology, medical oncology, clinical oncology, CNS, and palliative care)

5.6.3. Discussion of cases

5.6.4. Case discussions

5.6.4.1. At request of cancer centre MDT

5.6.4.2. Management question during Covid-19 pandemic

5.6.4.3. Cases to be presented by referring doctor

5.6.5. The responsibility of the continued duty of care of the individual patient discussed in the Forum lies with the referring clinician and or their team. The Forum, the BGCS or its members do not hold any clinical or legal responsibility for outcomes of care or decisions taken as a result of discussions in the Forum.

5.6.6. Strict close after 60 mins

5.6.7. A summary of discussion in the forum and the options considered for management will be sent to the referring centre. The Chair/s will summarise the discussion and this will be fed back to the referring centre.

5.6.8. The ultimate responsibility of management will rest with the referring centre

5.7. Virtual Membership of Proposed Forum

5.8. Coalition of the willing but principle is inclusive and representation across UK and the spirit of inclusivity and national expertise for complex cases

5.9. Chairs (JB/SK and others)

5.10. Surgical Oncologists

5.11. Clinical Oncologists

5.12. Medical Oncologists

5.13. Palliative Care

5.14. CNS

5.15. (No imaging or pathology at the start)

5.16. Admin support essential

3. Meeting Review Process

4.1 The meeting will initially be reviewed after two months to ensure it is meeting the objectives desired by stakeholders and is providing adequate benefits.

4.2 Brief report to BGCS after 2 months

5 Information Governance

- 5.1 All data will be managed confidentially. All cases will be posted after complete anonymisation. Those submitting cases must ensure the same prior to submission. All members will comply with GDPR principles.
- 5.2 Summary minutes will be produced at the end of the meeting with case summaries
- 5.3 Same posted on BGCS website members area

6 Funding

- 6.1 Admin support (Adele Cordle has volunteered but will need formal funded support if the forum is to extend beyond 2 months)
- 6.2 This can be reviewed after 2 months

7 Legacy

- 7.1 After C-19 this platform can serve as a national Forum for discussion of cases and ethical dilemmas as perhaps a monthly meeting

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Appendix

Referral proforma (to be completed with relevant available information) please submit to bgcsforum@gmail.com

Referral proforma

(fill in all fields where information available, copies of reports can be attached by email with patient details anonymised)

Date	
Patient Details	
Age	
Primary Diagnosis (Ovary, Uterus, Cervix, etc)	
Date of Diagnosis	
Tumour Type	
Grade	
TNM Stage	
FIGO Stage	
New Diagnosis or Recurrence	
Brief Relevant History	
Significant co-morbidity	
Performance Status	
Frailty Score	
Social History	
Question for BGCS National Forum	
Previous Major Surgery	
Previous Systemic Therapy	
Previous Radiotherapy	
Relevant Histopathology Report/s	
Relevant Imaging Report/s with dates	
Summary of Discussion and relevant references	

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