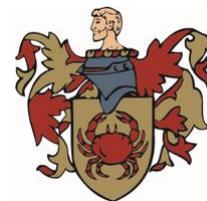


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Dear Colleagues

Audit of follow up practices for head and neck cancer patients

On behalf of BAHNO Council, I would like to invite you to participate in this audit sponsored by BAHNO.

We would like to examine follow-up practices for head and neck cancer patients in the UK, with the aim of establishing a research programme to improve current practice. As a first step, we wish to undertake a baseline audit of follow-up in UK centres. This will help us understand current practices, and the gaps and areas of need.

We will undertake the audit in collaboration with INTEGRATE, the ENT trainee research collaborative, and MTReC, the maxillofacial trainee research collaborative.

With your permission, the trainee members of the Collaboratives will undertake a retrospective audit of practice, followed by a prospective audit in April 2018 over four weeks. All data will be anonymised and no patients, consultants or individual units will be identified in any reports or analysis of results.

I would like to stress that we have tried to make it as easy as possible. You will kindly be asked to fill a very short (tick box) form during the consultation, which can also be used as part of your clinical consultation documentation. The trainees will input the data into the database, and they will also collate any additional data that is required from the notes. I enclose a copy of the audit protocol and audit data collection forms.

Colleagues from plastic surgery and oncology are also able to participate. Contact INTEGRATE on info@entintegrate.org who will facilitate this.

I hope that you will see the potential benefits of this audit, and sincerely hope that you will agree to be part of it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Best wishes



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President, BAHNO