

Genomics Education Event

Friday 16 January 2026

Hyatt Regency Manchester, M15 6PQ

Event Information:

Genomics is transforming cancer care - and this interactive event is your opportunity to be part of that change. Join colleagues from across Greater Manchester and beyond to explore how genomic testing is being embedded into oncology pathways and what it means for patients today and in the future.

With engaging workshops and real-world case studies you'll discover how genomics is driving earlier, fairer, and more personalised cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Suitable For:

All Healthcare Professionals involved in cancer care looking to better understand how genomic testing fits into their practice and how to communicate genomic testing with patients.

With thanks to our sponsors who will be exhibiting at the event but have had no input into the agenda or content of the day.



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Agenda

08.45-09.20 **Registration, Networking & Poster Exhibition**

09.20-09.30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr Matthew Krebs

Session 1: Genomics in GM: Foundations & Equity
Setting the Scene for a Fair and Future-Ready Genomic Landscape

09.30-09.40 **David's Story**

09.40-10.00 **Delivering Genomics Together**
Dr Elizabeth Jones

10.00-10.25 **Genomics Made Easy**
Keynote Speaker: Dr Matthew Evans

10.25-10.45 **Break & Networking**

Session 2: Advancing Equity in Genomic Testing: Mainstreaming and Streamlining
Showcasing Projects that are Integrating Genomics into Routine Care

10.45-10.55 **Zara's Story**

10.55-11.35 **Enhancing Access to Genomic Testing**
Dr Rachel Hart

11.35-11.55 **From Bench to Bedside : A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Optimising Tumour Genomic Testing**
Dr Victoria Foy, Dr Lynne Jamieson

11.55-12.05 **Chai Cancer Care**
Amanda Newdall

12.05-12:15 **A Community Perspective**
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12.15-13.15

Lunch, Networking & Poster Exhibition

13.15-14.15

Session 3: Breakouts

a) **A Primary Care Perspective of Cancer Genomics**

Dr Mike Clark

b) **Interpreting Genomic Reports and Future Clinical Trial Targets**

Dr Helene Schlecht, Dr George Burghel, Dr Matthew Krebs

c) **Implementing ctDNA in the Clinic - Lessons Learned from Breast & Lung Cancer and Future Direction**

Anthony Sutcliffe, Suzanne Frank, Dr Rehan Naseer, Dr Marta Pereira

d) **Ask the Experts - How Different Patient Groups Approach Genomic Testing**

David Jones-Stanley, Zara McCormick, Duncan Edmonstone, Debra Montague (ALK-positive UK), Chantal Muhindo (SAWN)

14.15-14.35

Break & Networking

Session 4 : Genomics in the Next Era of Cancer Care

14.35- 14.45

Duncan's Story

14.45-15.05

Liquid Biopsy and the Future

Dr Matthew Krebs

15.05-15.30

Understanding the Four Digital Priorities for The Genomic Medicine Service in Context of the Ten-Year Plan

Keynote Speaker: Deborah Porter

15.30-15.45

Q&A

Deborah Porter, Dr Matthew Krebs,
Dr Matthew Evans, Dr Mike Clark

15.45-16.00

Closing Remarks

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Speaker Symposium

Dr Matthew Krebs	Clinical Senior Lecturer in Experimental Cancer Medicine and Honorary Consultant in Medical Oncology - The Christie / University of Manchester Cancer Genomics Clinical Lead North West Genomic Laboratory Hub
Dr Elizabeth Jones	Medical Director - North West Genomic Laboratory Hub. Consultant Clinical Geneticist - Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Matthew Evans	Consultant Cellular and Molecular Pathologist. University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and Black Country Pathology Services. Pathology Lead Central and South Genomic Laboratory Hub Pathology Lead Cancer Genomics Improvement Programme
Dr Rachel Hart	Deputy Clinical Director - Cancer North West Genomics Medicine Service Alliance
Dr Victoria Foy	Consultant Medical Oncologist - The Christie
Dr Lynne Jamieson	Consultant Dermatopathologist - Northern Care Alliance
Amanda Newdall	Head of Northern Service - Chai Cancer Care
Dr Mike Clark	Deputy Clinical Director Primary Care - NW Genomics Medicine Service Alliance.
Dr Helene Schlecht	Lead Scientist for Cancer Genomics - North West Genomic Laboratory Hub
Dr George Burghel	Principal Clinical Scientist - North West Genomic Laboratory Hub
Suzanne Frank	Advanced Specialist Breast Cancer Pharmacist - The Christie
Anthony Sutcliffe	Programme Manager - North West Genomics Medicine Service Alliance
Dr Rehan Naseer	Respiratory and Lung Cancer Physician - Northern Care Alliance
Dr Marta Pereira	Principal Clinical Scientist in Cancer Genetics- North West Genomic Laboratory Hub
Debra Montague	Chair - ALK-positive Lung Cancer UK
Chantal Muhindo	Community Advocate - SAWN
Deborah Porter	Deputy Director - Genomics Service Transformation Genomics Unit, Specialised Commissioning - NHS England