

Diagnostic Tool – is it bone sarcoma?



All patients with suspected/diagnosed bone sarcoma refer to a **Sarcoma Specialist Centre**.

Clinical presentations

- ▶ Bone pain, particularly at night
- ▶ Mass/swelling
- ▶ Restricted movement in a joint



Investigations

Adults

- Refer for urgent x-ray
- Refer for urgent appointment to a sarcoma specialist centre if x-ray suggests bone sarcoma or if findings are uncertain and clinical concern remains

Children

- Refer for urgent x-ray
- Refer for urgent appointment for specialist assessment at a sarcoma specialist centre if an x-ray suggests bone sarcoma or if findings are uncertain and clinical concern remains

Note: Radiographs may be normal in patients with early bone sarcoma.

Sarcoma Specialist Centres

- 1. Aberdeen Royal Infirmary**
- 2. Dundee Ninewells Hospital**
- 3. Edinburgh**
(split between Royal Infirmary and Western General Hospital)
- 4. Glasgow**
(split between Royal Infirmary, Western Infirmary, Gartnavel General Hospital, Southern General and Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre)
- 5. Inverness Raigmore Hospital**

Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow Centres deliver radiology, pathology, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and palliative care. Dundee and Inverness Centres deliver radiology, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and palliative care.

Further information

- *Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer (2014)*
- *British Sarcoma Group guidelines*
- **Scottish Sarcoma Network** www.ssn.scot.nhs.uk
- sarcoma.org.uk/health-professionals/sarcoma-specialist-centres

Sarcoma UK is the only cancer charity in the UK focusing on all types of sarcoma

We provide resources & programmes to help GPs and health professionals understand more about sarcoma



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