

Diagnostic Tool – is it soft tissue sarcoma?

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



Clinical presentations

- ▶ Lump bigger than a golf ball (>5cm)
- ▶ Lump increasing in size
- ▶ Deep to the fascia
- ▶ Recurrence after previous excision
- ▶ Regional lymph node enlargement



Investigations

Adults

- Refer urgently to a Sarcoma Specialist Centre for investigation

Children

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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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