

Diagnostic Tool

Is it soft tissue sarcoma? (Scotland)

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All patients with a suspected/diagnosed soft tissue sarcoma should be referred to a Sarcoma Specialist Centre.

Clinical presentations

- Lump more than 5cm in size
- 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: Soft Tissue

- 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**
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Note: 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

- NICE Guidelines for Suspected Cancer (2015)
- NICE Guidelines for Sarcoma (2006)
- British Sarcoma Group guidelines
- sarcoma.org.uk/health-professionals/sarcoma-specialist-centres
- Scottish Sarcoma Network
<https://www.ssn.scot.nhs.uk/>