

National Bowel Cancer Audit (NBOCA) Newsletter



Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that Nicola Fearnhead has been appointed as the new Surgical Co-Lead for the National Bowel Cancer Audit. After six years of commitment to the audit, Jim Hill is now stepping down and we thank him for all of his hard work over this time.

Nicola Fearnhead is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon based at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. She chaired the Clinical Advisory Group for NBOCA from 2014 – 2018, and was Clinical Lead for Clinical Outcome Publication (COP) from 2014 – 2016. She is currently President-Elect of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland (ACPGBI), and co-leads the Pelican Cancer Foundation's IMPACT (Improving Management of Patients with Advanced Colorectal Tumours) initiative.

Oncology co-lead Mike Braun says "We will greatly miss Jim Hill's experience and depth of knowledge which has enabled the expansion and development of NBOCA over the last 6 years. I'm delighted Nicola Fearnhead has been appointed as co-lead. She has been involved with the audit Clinical Advisory Group for a number of years and is committed to developing NBOCA and improving outcomes in colorectal cancer. I'm sure she will provide great leadership within the team."

Senior methodologist Kate Walker says "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Jim over the last six years and we will miss him from the NBOCA team. We are delighted to have Nicola as our new clinical co-lead, with her wealth of experience and commitment to the work of the audit."

And Nicola Fearnhead says "It is a great honour to be asked to join the NBOCA team as Surgical Co-Lead and my sincere thanks go to Professor Jim Hill, my predecessor, for all his hard work on behalf of the Audit.

NBOCA's broader focus on all aspects of care for all patients diagnosed with colorectal cancer has greatly improved our understanding of the various treatment pathways experienced by patients. I very much look forward to working with all the NBOCA team in providing high quality audit data to underpin quality improvement initiatives at personal, institutional, and national level."

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