

Vacancies for Salivary Gland Cancer Working Group (SGCWG) Workstreams RQ 1-4

Background

Prior to its closure of the NCRI Head and Neck Group, this working group was tasked ‘to identify the gaps in salivary gland cancer research and develop strategic priorities for this area of research.’ Salivary Gland Cancer UK (SGC UK) formed the SGCWG which met in March 2024 and identified a list of research questions (RQ). Following a subsequent prioritisation exercise, we are now delighted to be inviting applicants to four workstreams representing the top four priorities for Salivary Gland Cancer research:

RQ 1. Address the utility of Guidelines for Salivary Gland Cancers (SGC)

RQ 2. Assess the variation in histopathology reporting for Salivary Gland Cancers (SGC)

RQ 3. Standardise the decision-making processes for patients who have technically operable, Salivary Gland Cancer (SGC), where the surgery carries high morbidity

RQ 4. Improve the diagnostic pathway for Salivary Gland Cancer (SGC) patients

Salivary Gland Cancer Working Group Remit

The SGC UK Salivary gland cancer Working Group will identify the gaps in salivary gland cancer research and develop strategic priorities for this area of research.

This working group will bring together key stakeholders from across the community to improve outcomes for patients with salivary gland cancer. The group will identify the most important unanswered research questions in the field, develop a set of strategic priorities for future salivary gland cancer research, and form workstreams to address these.

Role Profile

Role Title	Member of the SGC UK Salivary Gland Cancer Working Group Workstream RQ1-4
Reports to	Workstream Lead
Location	Virtual (there may be a need to travel to London or Manchester)
Salary	Voluntary Role
Role Term	Project timelines to be defined but expected to be one to three years initially
Commitment required	Approximately four-six working days annually
Application deadline	Monday August 19th 2024 at 5pm

Role and Responsibilities

- Support the planning and implementation of this working group to deliver against the strategic priority, to set timelines.
- Work collaboratively with your fellow working group members to deliver against the strategic priority.
- Attend all working group meetings which will occur every 12-16 weeks, virtually and last approximately 1-2 hours.
- Ensure early career researchers and patient advocates are involved in the work of the working group.
- Support the Chairs to keep the working group implementation plan up to date.
- Form strong links with relevant organisations, national initiatives, groups, and networks.
- Interact with:
 - Other stakeholders, to coordinate research activities as appropriate
 - Other relevant site-specific and cross cutting groups
 - Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) Groups to optimise development of the UK cancer trials portfolio.
- Engage in additional special tasks/projects at the request of SGCWG

Key Qualities, Experience and Behaviours

Some key desired attributes below:

- Experience in the field and achievement of academic excellence in cancer research
- Ability to work with stakeholders at all levels across a range of organisations
- Strong communication skills
- Strategic and forwarding thinking, with the ability to address challenges and provide innovative solutions
- Passionate and driven about working together as a team and with the research community towards a common purpose to achieve better outcomes for all those affected by cancer through research
- Positive commitment towards equality and diversity by treating others fairly and a track record of promoting collaborative research

We encourage and welcome applications from all disciplines of people who are treating, researching, supporting and affected by Salivary Gland Cancers.

Membership Term

Workstreams are time limited. At the first meeting of the working group, members will develop a timeline for the project. Members are appointed to the workstream for the duration of the project.

Remuneration

This is a voluntary, not a remunerated, position. Membership of the Workstreams can be considered as national (UK-wide) work.

Applications

If you are interested in participating as an active member of Workstream RQ1-4, please submit your application by **Monday August 19th at 5pm**. You will need to complete the screening questions and submit your CV in support of your application.

Please contact Salivary Gland Cancer UK by email to admin@salivaryglandcancer.uk should you wish to discuss your application.

For further information please see 'SGC UK Working Group Terms of Reference'.

Please note that the top four priorities are on a 'rolling' basis i.e we have identified a longer list of RQ's and when possible, will move priorities up that list. Therefore, if you are interested in joining the UK Salivary Gland Research Working Group but do not wish to join a specific RQ 1-4 workstream, we welcome your application. Please provide the information requested above, briefly stating your interest in the Working Group rather than a specific Workstream and send to admin@salivaryglandcancer.uk.