

Summary

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Introduction

This pathway refers to the care of patients within the Oxford Sarcoma Network with sarcomas arising in or involving bone that are being treated with curative intent.

The aim of the pathway is to ensure patients receive appropriate and timely care from teams with the appropriate diagnostic and treatment expertise.

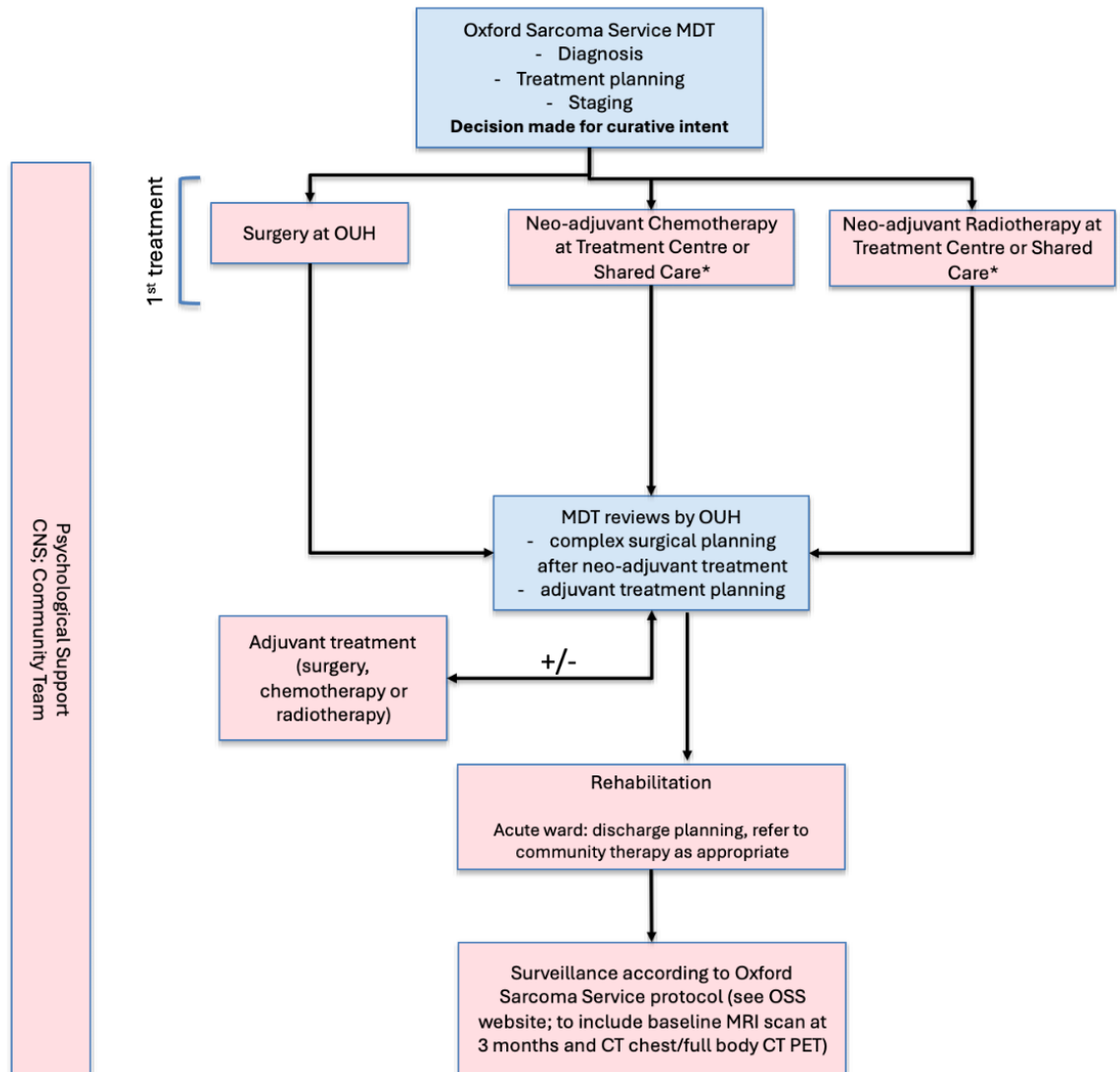
Principles of the service

- All people with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of sarcoma must be referred to a Specialist Sarcoma Centre for multidisciplinary team (MDT) discussion.
- The principal role of a Sarcoma MDT is to determine a care plan for all people with bone and soft tissue sarcoma and to be responsible for its delivery either by members based at the Specialist Sarcoma Centre or by designated practitioners working at Local Sarcoma Units or by Children/Teenage and Young Adult Principal Treatment Centres following care pathways agreed by the Sarcoma Advisory group
- Pathology for all sarcomas must be reviewed by a Specialist Sarcoma Pathologist for diagnostic confirmation and undertaking any appropriate molecular analysis and genomic testing
- Sarcoma services must be structured and managed to reduce the number of unplanned excisions or excisions undertaken outside a specialist centre
- All resections of sarcomas are undertaken by surgeons who are core or designated members of the Sarcoma MDT.

Take home messages

- The default position is that patients with suspected or confirmed primary bone or soft tissue tumours should be referred as soon as possible to the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre for diagnosis and surgical treatment as soon as possible
- All patients with confirmed bone or soft tissue must be discussed in the Oxford Sarcoma Service MDT to plan appropriate multidisciplinary care. Discussion should take place before treatment unless clinical urgency means this is not possible.
- In clinically urgent cases, the treating clinician should discuss the proposed intervention with other appropriate members of the MDT if possible.

Pathways/Guidance



*see details of designated practitioners here:
<https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/oxfordsarcomaservice/osag/>

- This pathway applies to bone tumours arising in the limb and trunk, in all ages.
- Patients aged 16 to 24 years will also be referred to the Teenage and Young Adult service and MDT. Patients aged under 18 years will be discussed also at the paediatric solid tumour MDT.

Key:

- MDT discussion
- Clinic/diagnostics/treatment

Points of Contact
General referral information
https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/oxfordsarcomaservice/referrals/
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Sarcoma Office Telephone
01865 738061
Emergent/Clinically urgent cases
For direct discussion with Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Registrar/Fellow on call available through hospital switchboard: 0300 304 7777.