



## The Rectal Cancer Oncological Complete Response Database (OnCoRe)

### Patient Notification

This notification is for patients within Greater Manchester who were diagnosed with rectal cancer and treated between 01/01/2011 and 30/06/2012. This notification is also for patients with rectal cancer from Greater Manchester, Merseyside, North Wales and Lancashire/South Cumbria who had a confirmed Complete Response\* to radiotherapy (with or without chemotherapy) between 01/01/2011 and 31/07/2017.

If you fall into the above criteria, it is possible that data about yourself, your treatment for rectal cancer and outcome information was stored for audit purposes.

We are now transferring the data collected from these audits into a research database, the OnCoRe Research Database.

Information about your condition, treatment and outcome is to be stored within this database. This means researchers will be able to gain (anonymous) patient data and use the information for research studies. This, in turn, will help to continue to improve patient care and support future research.

If any information was collected concerning yourself or your treatment during the specified audits, this data will be entered into the OnCoRe Database. This database is held on a secure, password-protected server within The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester. If you believe that your data may be included in this database and would like further information, please get in touch using the below contact details.

You are free to withdraw your data from the database at any stage. Your decision not to take part will not affect any routine treatment you may have planned, nor your relationship with those treating you, or your relationship with the Christie NHS Foundation Trust. If you would like to withdraw from this database, please speak to your Nurse Specialist for a withdrawal request form or get in touch using the below details:

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*\*In patients with rectal cancer treated with chemo-radiotherapy and followed for at least three months, there is a 10% - 15% chance that the rectal tumour completely disappears and is not visible on the scan or on the 'camera test' (flexible sigmoidoscopy). This is called a 'Complete Clinical Response'.*