

# LCRI SYMPOSIUM'21

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## The Inaugural Liverpool Cancer Research Institute Symposium

18/19 November 2021 | The Spine, Liverpool



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A focal point for Cancer Research  
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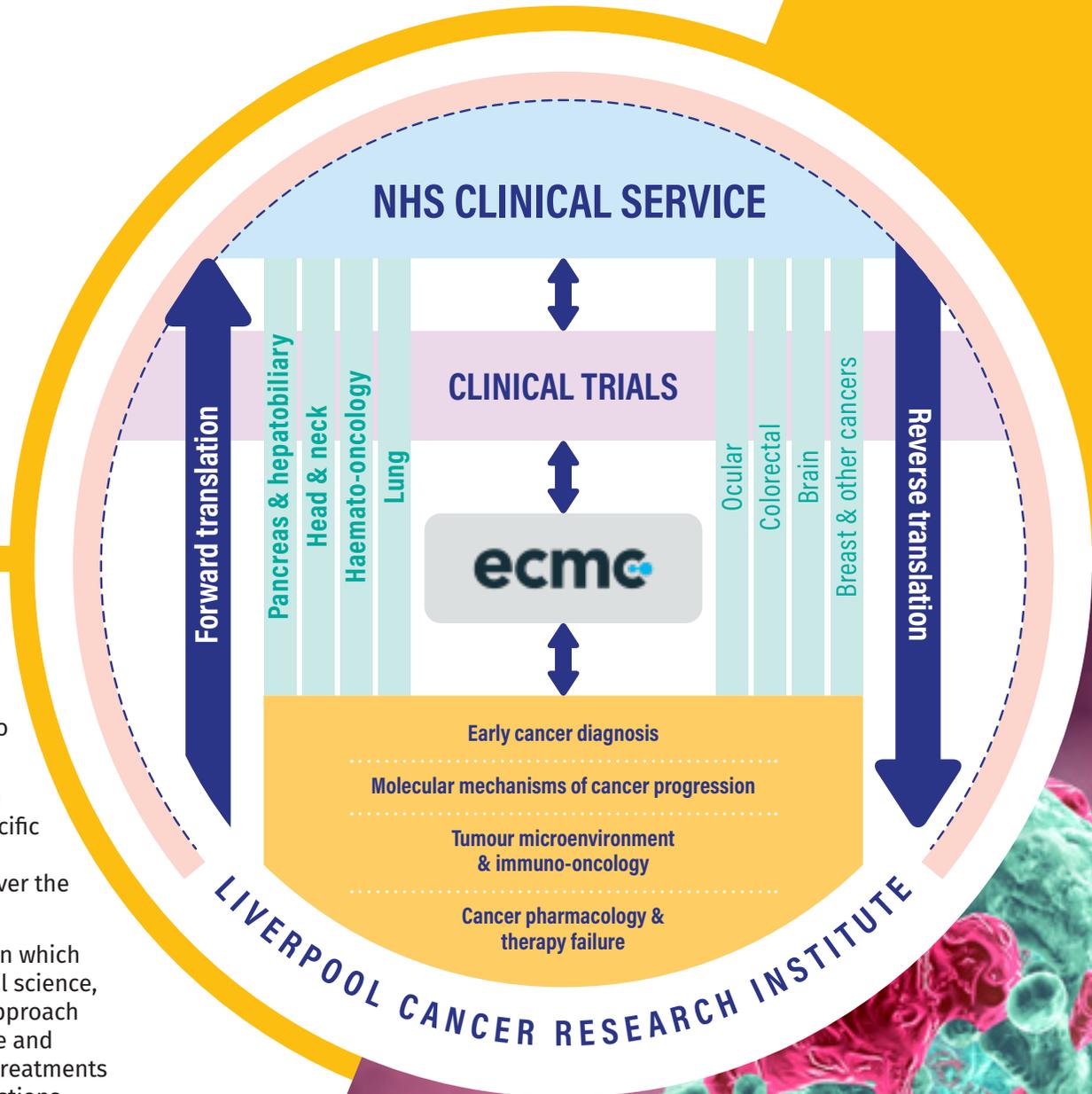
By bringing together our excellent multidisciplinary research community in a purposeful way, we aim to maximise the potential of collaborative cancer research in Liverpool for the benefit of patients both locally and beyond.

The Liverpool Cancer Research Institute (LCRI) builds on the success of previous initiatives in the region and aims to further consolidate Liverpool's existing strengths in cancer research, grow its capability and accelerate the translation of research findings into improved patient outcomes.

In addition to providing an overarching framework for collaboration and strategic alignment, the LCRI aims to drive and co-ordinate specific cancer-related initiatives that require collaboration across multiple disciplines or organisations, whilst at the same time helping to deliver the research strategies of individual stakeholders.

To do this, the LCRI is envisaged as a translational research engine in which clinical themes provide a bi-directional conduit linking fundamental science, experimental medicine and clinical research. Through this matrix approach and supported by local funding streams, the LCRI aims to encourage and support the translation of scientific discoveries into new tests and treatments (forward translation), whilst at the same time providing clinical questions and patient samples to guide and facilitate fundamental research (reverse translation). The ultimate goal of our research is to generate the knowledge that will translate to patient benefit and improve clinical practice.

Find out more: [www.liverpool.ac.uk/liverpool-cancer-research-institute/about/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/liverpool-cancer-research-institute/about/)



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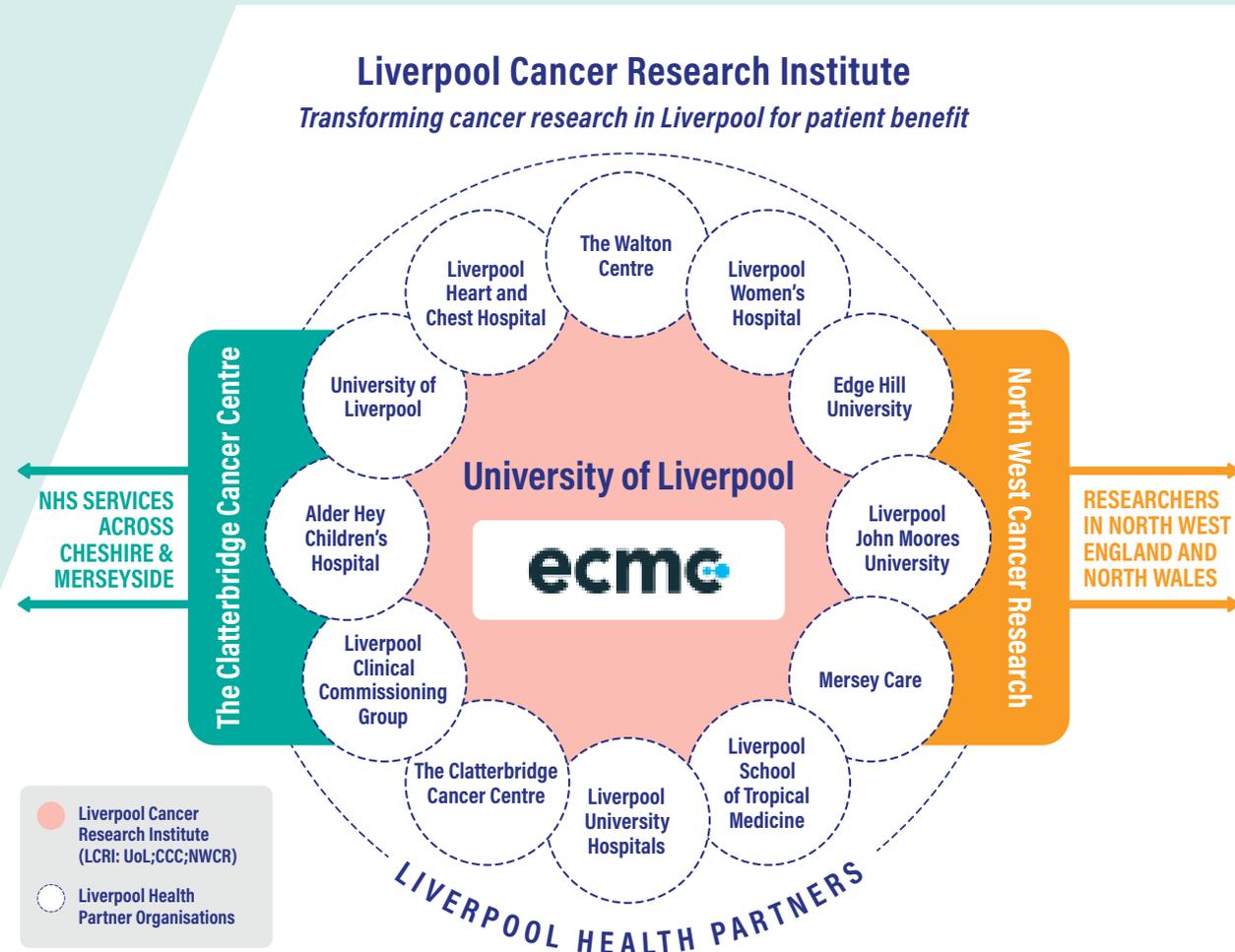
The overall aim of the inaugural LCRI Cancer Research Symposium is to showcase cancer research in Liverpool, raise awareness about LCRI within the regional research community and engage and inform external partners about LCRI and the breadth and potential of cancer research in Liverpool.

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## Day 1 Thursday 18th November

16.00	<b>Registration</b>
16.30	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction to LCRI and the Symposium</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Andy Pettitt</b> LCRI Director</p> <p><b>Dr Matina Tsalavouta</b> LCRI Head of Strategic Planning and Engagement</p>
16.45	<p><b>Aligning key cancer research strategies in the region</b></p> <p>Short Panel session Chaired by <b>Prof. Pettitt</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Tom Walley</b> University of Liverpool</p> <p><b>Dr Sheena Khanduri</b> The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p><b>Prof. Tony Marson</b> Liverpool Health Partners</p> <p><b>Mr Alastair Richards</b> North West Cancer Research</p>
17.00	<p><b>Keynote address one</b></p> <p><b>Cellular immunotherapy for cancer: lessons from haemopoietic stem cell transplantation</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Paul Moss</b> University of Birmingham</p>
17.45	<p><b>Keynote address two</b></p> <p><b>Lessons learnt and ideas to develop: a concept for cancer immunotherapy in Liverpool</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Christian Ottensmeier</b> University of Liverpool and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre</p>
18.30	<b>Drinks Reception</b>



## Day 2 Friday 19th November

09.00	<b>Welcome Day 2</b>			
09.05	<b>Research for patient benefit: challenges and opportunities for LCRI</b>			
	Panel presentation Chaired by <b>Prof. Ian Prior</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Clinician perspective</b> <b>Mr Dale Vimalachandran</b> Countess of Chester Hospital			
	<b>Research management and sponsorship</b> <b>Dr Maria Maguire</b> The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre			
	<b>Cancer screening programme participant</b> <b>Ms Karen Manby</b>			
	<b>Placing patients at the heart of head and neck cancer research</b> <b>Prof. Jo Patterson</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Mr Vincent Killen</b> Patient			
	<b>Pancreatic cancer patient perspective on research participation</b> <b>Dr William Swindlehurst</b> Patient			
	<b>Discussion</b> Q&A and Chair's closing remarks			
10.05	<b>Early cancer diagnosis</b>			
	Chaired by <b>Prof. Eithne Costello</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>From nuclear physics to cancer diagnosis</b> <b>Prof. Laura Harkness-Brennan</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Detection of bladder cancers by volatile organic compounds</b> <b>Dr Rachael Slater</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Applying metabolites for early detection: discovery metabolomics to translation</b> <b>Prof. Rick Dunn</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Discussion</b> Q&A and Chair's closing remarks			
11.10	<b>Coffee break</b>			
11.30	<b>Molecular mechanisms of cancer progression</b>			
	Chaired by <b>Mr Rob Jones</b> Aintree University Hospital			
	<b>The fascinating world of hypoxia signalling, a feature of cancers</b> <b>Prof. Sonia Rocha</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Non-coding RNAs and regulation of cancer epigenome</b> <b>Dr Aditi Kanhere</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Meiosis and Cancer – two sides of the same coin?</b> <b>Dr Urszula McClurg</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Discussion</b> Q&A and Chair's closing remarks			
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>			
12.30	<b>Poster viewing and judging</b>			
14.00	<b>Tumour-micro-environment and Immuno-oncology</b>			
	Chaired by <b>Prof. Sarah Coupland</b> University of Liverpool; The Royal Liverpool University Hospital			
	<b>Integrin-RTK crosstalk in breast cancer invasion and drug resistance</b> <b>Dr Mark Morgan</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Working towards understanding the tumour microenvironment of metastatic uveal melanoma</b> <b>Dr Helen Kalirai</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Regulation of tumour metastasis and immunity by macrophages and fibroblasts.</b> <b>Dr Ainhua Mielgo</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Discussion</b> Q&A and Chair's closing remarks			
15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>			
15:20	<b>Cancer pharmacology and therapy failure</b>			
	Chaired by <b>Prof. David MacEwan</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Tracking evolution of the malignant cells in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia</b> <b>Prof. Joe Slupsky</b> University of Liverpool			
	<b>Investigating the radiobiology of protons versus photons and other high-LET particles in head and neck cancer models</b> <b>Dr Jason Parsons</b> University of Liverpool and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre			
	<b>The many reasons why cancer drugs may not work in children</b> <b>Dr. Dan Hawcutt</b> University of Liverpool; Alder Hey Children's Hospital			
	<b>Discussion</b> Q&A and Chair's closing remarks			
16.20	<b>Presentation of poster competition prize</b>			
	<b>Prof. Claire Eyers</b> University of Liverpool			
16.30-16:45	<b>Conference closes</b>			
	<b>Prof. Andy Pettitt</b> LCRI Director			

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## LOCATION

The Spine is located in Paddington Village at the heart of the Knowledge Quarter in Liverpool's City Centre.



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## TRANSPORT

### By train:

- Nearest train station:  
**Liverpool Lime Street**  
19-minute walk – £5-6 taxi

### By car:

From M6 onto M57, M62 or M58

Motorway connections put the majority of UK cities within a four-hour drive time.

- 45 minutes from Manchester and Chester
- 2 hours from Birmingham
- 3 hours 40 minutes from Glasgow
- 4 hours from London

### Parking arrangements:

The Spine is within walking distance of the University of Liverpool (UoL) and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (CCC). If you are not from either UoL or CCC and require information for parking arrangements please contact Ms Jackie Henderson at [lcric@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:lcric@liverpool.ac.uk)

### Disabled access:

- The building is fully DDA compliant with entry on a single ground floor level either via the undercroft with an adequate number of DDA compliant car parking bays or via the main front entrance with a DDA compliant entry door.
- There are six lifts and a disabled refuge system.

### DISABLED REFUGE SYSTEM

- A two-way voice communication system complying with BS5839-9:2011 is provided at each of the disabled refuge locations within the protected lobbies (this may be the same system as the refuge points);
- Guidance for people with Personal Evacuation Plans and their buddies can be sought by contacting the RCP Workplace Manager in the first instance or Liverpool City Council Facilities Manager.
  - There are hearing induction loop facilities in all of the event spaces.
  - There is a disabled WC on each of the 13 floors.

**If you have any individual specific requirements just let us know and we will be happy to talk them through.**

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We look forward to hearing from you about your interest in our research and opportunities to collaborate.

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