

## **FAQ for Resect and Discard Strategy**

Several questions have been received from Screening Centres in response to the communication sent out via the Heads of Public Health Bulletin on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

To answer some of those queries before the initial training day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the questions with answers are provided below. Please share this information with all the screening centre team.

### **General questions**

#### **Can there be an Optical Diagnosis champion at each colonoscopy site, rather than one per Centre?**

There will be one Optical Diagnosis champion initially per screening centre, but over time as roll out progresses centres there may be an opportunity to work towards one per site (however there would need to be clarity over the responsibility at the screening centre level).

#### **Will there be an allocation of remuneration for the Resect and Discard Optical Diagnosis Champions?**

Screening centres will be responsible for re-distributing the cost savings from not sending approx. 50% of samples to the lab along with consumables savings i.e., not requiring to purchasing histology pots etc. There is no national funding for the Resect and Discard Optical Champions.

#### **How much will the Resect and Discard Optical Diagnosis training day cost?**

The training day will be free to all those who attend and will include lunch. Providers will be required to cover the travel expenses of attendees.

#### **Will Lynch syndrome patients be eligible for Resect and Discard?**

Lynch syndrome patients will **NOT** be eligible for Resect and Discard. All histology will need to be sent for analysis following the current pathway.

#### **Do our endoscopes have the correct capability for Resect and Discard?**

The exact specification required will be discussed as part of the training day with the OD champions, however all modern scopes have blue light imaging and high definition, therefore the endoscopist will be able to see enhanced vascularity structures to perform optical diagnosis easily.

*Examples of suitable scopes:*

- *Pentax scopes have I Scan 2*
- *Fujinon scopes have Blue Light Imaging (BLI)*
- *Olympus scopes have Narrow Band Imaging (NBI)*

## **Will BCSS be updated to capture data for Resect and Discard?**

There is a small working group who are exploring and implementing BCSS functionality to support Resect and Discard, which will be in place for the completion of the first cohort of accredited Optical Diagnosis Champions. Any further training required will be provided prior to the launch of Resect and Discard into the programme.

## **Questions about the Resect and Discard Optical Diagnosis training.**

### **When and where is the Resect and Discard Optional Diagnosis training day taking place?**

The first training day for OD champions will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the [Thistle London Marble Arch](#) and will start at 10am and finish at 4:30pm. Final agenda will be confirmed nearer to the session.

### **How do I book on the first training day?**

Please click the link in the email that has been sent with these questions. This will take you through to be able to register for the event.

### **How many places are there at the training day?**

There will be 64 places on the first training day, with one place allocated per screening centre. If you would like more than one place you will be placed on a waiting list until all screening centres have responded. If a screening centre chooses not to put forward someone for the initial training, the places will be offered to other centres.

### **Is there going to be any other opportunities to do the optical diagnosis training?**

There is going to be at least one further face to face training session – this will be planned following feedback from the first session. An e-learning module is also being put together to allow the OD champion to support other screeners to complete the training and become accredited to perform OD on screening patients.

### **How often do you have to complete the optical diagnosis training?**

Accredited optical diagnosis champions would need to be reaccredited every two years. An online training module will be developed to support reaccreditation. There will be alerts built into BCSS to highlight when people need to retake accreditation. If a person allows their accreditation to lapse they must not resect and discard histology during that time.