

# Audit of 2WW referrals to haematology

# Methods

- Retrospective review of 53 2ww referrals
- Examining
  - Role of onward referral to surgery
  - Role of ultrasound
  - Ultimate diagnosis of cancer
  - Diagnosis of non-haematological cancer

- 21/53 referrals found to have cancer
- 23% referred 'for biopsy'
- 80% resulted in onward referral for biopsy
- Of those biopsied 100% resulted in a diagnosis of haematological malignancy
- 25% had a delay in diagnosis

# Use of ultrasound

- 12/53 referrals referred for an ultrasound
- 8/12 went on to have a biopsy
- Negative ultrasound ruled out haematological cancer in 4/4 cases
- Positive ultrasound led to a diagnosis of a haematological cancer in 3/8 cases

# Conclusion of audit of 2ww referrals to haematology

- 40% of 2WW referrals are cancer
  - 'Good' rate
  - Low rate of non-haematological cancers
- 100% of haematological cancers (non-serological) require onward referral to surgery
- Very high rate of diagnosis of haematological malignancy when referred in this way
  - ? Some merit in seeing haematology first? Or just adding delay
- Ultrasound a useful adjunct in diagnostic pathway











