Update on the interNational Anaplastic Thyroid cancer Tissue bank project (iNATT) www.inatt.org

The interNational Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Tissue Bank and Database project (iNATT) was launched in the UK in 2013 and extended internationally in 2014. The project offers patients with this diagnosis a rare opportunity to participate in research. By collecting tissue and blood samples along with clinical information from across the UK and from international centres we will be able to gather a significant amount of data which will help us make progress with research in to this difficult to treat disease. We hope to learn more about why and how this type of cancer develops so that we can then develop new ways to treat it. This is going to be a long term project which will need to run over a number of years.

The iNATT website (www.inatt.org) has been developed in order to promote the iNATT project as well as a means to try and raise the profile of anaplastic thyroid cancer for patients, clinicians and researchers. The website therefore includes information on other research projects and links to information resources.

The website is a work in progress but I hope over time that it will be a useful resource and a ‘go to’ place for patients and clinicians alike.

If you are a clinician, researcher or thyroid cancer patient support organisation and wish to have your work included on the website please contact laura.moss@wales.nhs.uk
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