The Empower Pathway: an innovative approach to delivering personalised care for testicular cancer survivors.

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Background and Methods

The Empower Pathway (EP) aimed to provide comprehensive cancer surveillance, whilst addressing holistic sequelae of treatment. Within this poster we demonstrate this process of how the EP was formed resulting in positive outcomes for patients and healthcare professionals.

Background research established 2 points; patients felt the skill set required for follow up was best suited to an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) or General Practitioner (GP) and 20% patients were diagnosed with another chronic disease during the first year of diagnosis.

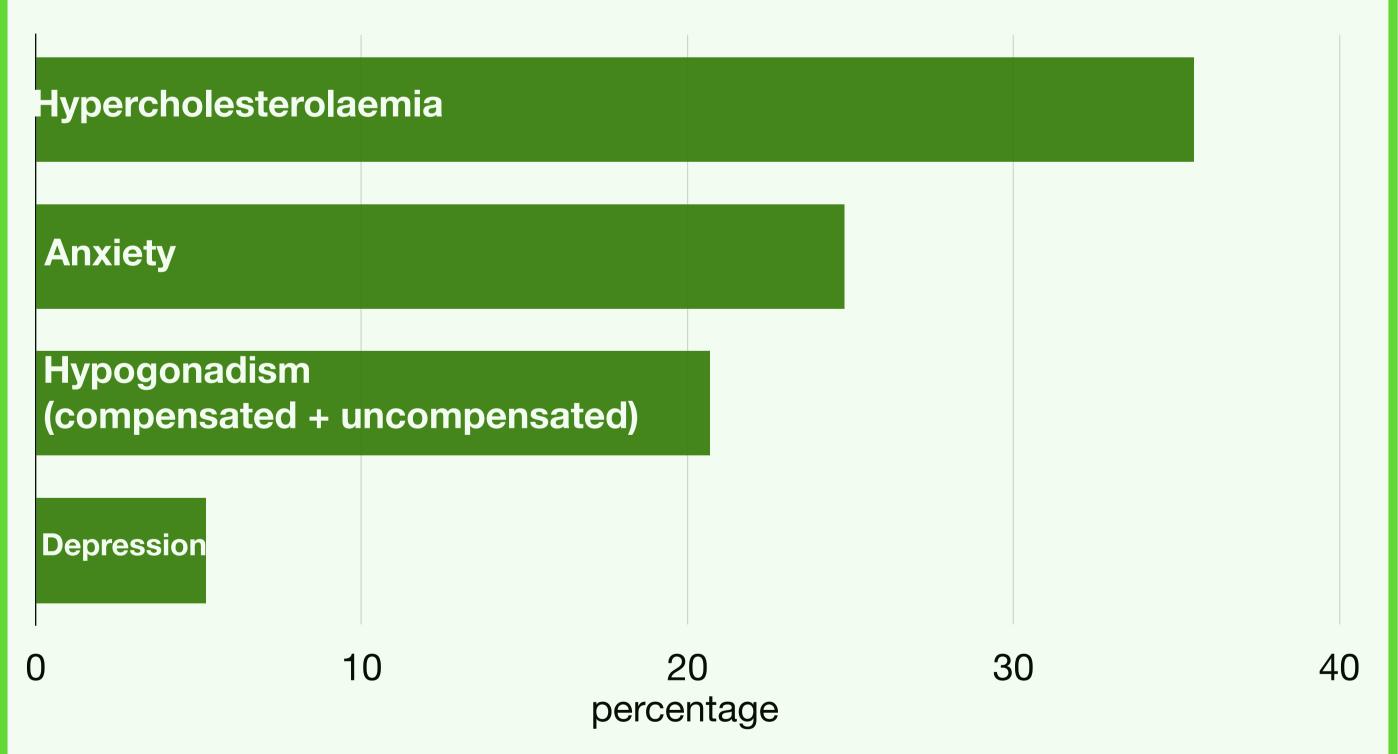
First 150 patient audit

The EP accepted patients from March 2023 with exclusion criteria. The first 150 patients were audited, demonstrating we cared for patients from Stage 1 to metastatic.

56% of patients had a new holistic diagnosis (see chart 1). 100% of patients had shared care plans. 12% required and onward internal referral and 0.6% required onward GP referral request.

2 patients were returned to CLC with confirmed recurrence.





Service Evaluation

This evaluation predicts 630 CLC appointments will be released by the end of 2026; releasing time within CLC for complex patients, new patients and those on treatment.

Pre-EP survey

Pre-EP survey (n.22) was designed to assess unmet needs. Patients described holistic issues as being important; the majority felt these were not addressed within CLCs. Unmet need examples can be seen in the word cloud below. Shared care decision-making did not meet national targets.

In response, the EP team developed supplementary resources and the pathway was integrated into existing schedules.

body-image exercise
sexual-wellbeing
nutrition energy-levels
mental-health smoking
libido alcohol
cardiovascular-disease
erectile-dysfunction

Word cloud. Showing most prevalent patient unmet need

Post-EP survey

Post EP survey (n.19) showed 88.5% of patients found supplementary information helpful. Key holistic issues and their comparison with Pre-EP survey can be seen on table 2. 100% of respondents felt the GP/ANP team met their clinical needs.

Table 2.	Pre Empower Pathway (EP) survey		Post pathway survey
Issue	% that felt this was important	% that felt this was addressed in CLC	% that felt this was addressed
Lifestyle and exercise	80	9.6	87.5
Mental Health	70	18.1	100
Sexual Health and well-being (including fertility)	50	13.5	80.5
Effort was made to understand, listen to and involve patients in health concerns	NA	60.6	100

Take away comment

The Empower Pathway (EP) demonstrates qualitatively and quantitatively its effectiveness in **addressing patients' unmet holistic needs, whilst efficiently managing oncology surveillance**. A concomitant GP/ANP clinic complements traditional CLC. The **EP is both sustainable and scalable**, making it adaptable to other tumour groups.