Macmillan lung cancer and mesothelioma nurse specialist support

Patient Information Leaflet
Introduction
This leaflet is for people who have lung cancer or mesothelioma. It gives information on a specialist nursing team available to help you and contact numbers for the team.

How can the specialist nursing team help me?
The team can:

- Provide information about lung cancer or mesothelioma
- Discuss treatment options
- Provide emotional support
- Give advice on financial support and benefits
- Carry out an assessment of your individual needs
- Help you control your symptoms
- Act as a contact point if you are having treatment in several hospitals
- Liaise with the community team and your GP to provide ongoing support

Information:
The specialist nursing team can answer any questions you may have about your illness or treatment, allowing you to make decisions about your care.

Controlling symptoms:
The specialist nursing team can help you deal with any symptoms you may be experiencing.

After an assessment, one of the team will discuss with you, and the medical team looking after you, how best to manage these symptoms. We may do this either by providing a prescription ourselves, or by talking to other members of your medical team or your GP who can provide a prescription.
Who is in the specialist nursing team?
Lucia Sabel – Macmillan Nurse Consultant
Kim Homer – Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist
Stacy Denley – Macmillan Support Specialist Sister

The team is based at Russells Hall Hospital and can be contacted on the following number:
01384 456111 ext. 2752 (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

There is an answerphone if we are not available. Please leave a message and we will call you back.

You may see a member of the specialist nursing team from time to time in clinic, or if you are admitted to hospital due to your illness or treatment-related side effects.

You can contact the specialist nurses for advice and support at any stage of your illness and treatment, or once your treatment is completed.

The specialist nurses are also involved in coordinating the care that you need, whether that is across hospitals in and out of the Dudley area or at home.

Can I find out more?
Further support, information and services are available from:

White House Cancer Support Service:
http://www.support4cancer.org.uk/
01384 231232
10 Ednam Road, Dudley, DY1 1JX

Information Prescription Service
To create your own personalised information prescription, visit:
http://www.nhs.uk/ipg/Pages/IPStart.aspx
If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please contact:

The specialist nursing team on 01384 456111 ext. 2752
(8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

This leaflet can be downloaded or printed from:
http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/services-and-wards/oncology/

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