

Cancer of unknown primary and malignancy of unknown origin multidisciplinary team

Acute Oncology Service Patient Information Leaflet

Introduction

You are under the care of the Acute Oncology Service and your care is managed by the cancer of unknown primary (CUP) and malignancy of unknown origin (MUO) multidisciplinary team (MDT).

The MDT is made up of the following staff who are all involved in your care from your diagnosis right through to treatment and beyond:

- Consultant oncologist (who is skilled in non-surgical cancer treatments)
- Consultant radiologist (who interprets X-rays and scans)
- Consultant histopathologist (who interpret biopsies)
- Consultant in palliative care
- Clinical nurse specialists / Keyworker
- MDT co-ordinator

What is an MDT?

The team meets weekly to discuss the most appropriate care for all new patients and those patients whose condition has changed, based on the information from doctors' examinations, biopsies, scans and X-rays.

When does the MDT meet up?

On Thursday afternoons. Once these meetings have been held, if your care has been discussed, an appointment will be made for you with your consultant to discuss suitable treatments.

There are two oncology consultants who look after CUP and MUO patients. You will have a named consultant to lead your care from the list below:

Dr Rakesh Mehra
Dr Simon Grumett

What happens at my clinic appointment?

When you attend for a clinic appointment, it is possible that we will require blood tests. We will let you know if and when this needs to be done.

We will see you and anyone you choose to bring to your appointment with you. We will ask how you are and then discuss possible treatments for you. We can also give you advice on managing your cancer symptoms.

After your first clinic visit, it is possible that you will need some further investigations and we will give you more information about these at your appointment.

If for any reason you need to be admitted into hospital, you may see the Acute Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist and any one of the oncology consultants, or another member of their team. You may not always see your own consultant during your stay in hospital.

Other doctors you may see on our team are a specialty doctor or a staff grade in oncology.

Can I have a copy of my clinic letter?

Yes, please mention this to the nurse or doctor that you see.

What if I have questions or concerns?

If you have a particular issue or concern that you wish to discuss, the CUP/Acute Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist will be happy to discuss these with you.

You will also have a keyworker nurse from the Oncology Team who will be available to offer support or advise you, either when you are in hospital as an inpatient, or when you come for outpatient appointments.

Contact numbers

Call the Clinical Nurse Specialists/Keyworkers:

- Ruth Mitchell
- Tina Wilkinson

on 01384 456111 ext. 3425 (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday)

Leave a message with the reason for your call and a contact number. We will return your call within 24 hours. Any messages left at the weekend will not be returned until the next working day.

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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