

Other useful numbers

Macmillan Cancer Support

Provides a wide range of support to improve the lives of people affected by cancer. This includes up-to-date, expert information as well as practical, emotional and financial support.

Trained advisors can answer questions about living with cancer and provide practical and emotional support. Call **0808 808 0000** or visit **www.macmillan.org.uk**

Cancer Research UK Nurses Helpline

If you have any questions about cancer, call the cancer nurses on freephone **0808 0800 4040**.

Benefits and finance

For benefits advice, contact Maggie's centre on **0161 641 4848** or email

manchester@maggiescentres.org

The Christie at Oldham has a benefits advice session on Thursday afternoons, call **0161 918 7745**.

Maggie's Centre

The centre also provides a full programme of practical and emotional support, including psychological support, nutrition and head care workshops, relaxation and stress management.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.



Contact The Christie Hotline for urgent support and specialist advice

**The Christie Hotline:
0161 446 3658**

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

The specialist upper gastrointestinal (GI) nursing service

For more information about The Christie and our services, please visit **www.christie.nhs.uk** or visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford.

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
Wilmslow Road
Withington
Manchester M20 4BX

Tel: 0161 446 3000
www.christie.nhs.uk

The Christie Patient Information Service
April 2017 - Review April 2020



The specialist upper GI nursing service

The service is provided by a team of highly qualified and experienced nurses. They have specialist knowledge and skills in the care and support of patients with upper GI cancer.

The upper GI nursing service provides a key worker for patients who attend The Christie for treatment. A key worker is a point of contact for patients throughout their cancer treatment and follow-up.

Through the key worker, The Christie upper GI nursing service provides a link with other key workers and health care professionals at your referring hospital, with your GP and community nurses.

The service provides:

- specialist nursing assessment and advice about problems you may be experiencing because of disease or the treatment
- comprehensive information about your type of cancer, treatment options, side effects and follow up care
- time to talk through the information you have been given and discuss any concerns
- support for you and your family or carers
- a point of contact when you have questions or concerns between hospital visits.

Who are we?

Nurse clinician

The nurse clinician is a highly qualified and experienced nurse who specialises in the management and care of people with upper GI cancers. The nurse clinician works closely with doctors, nurses and other team members. You may be seen by the nurse clinician instead of a doctor at your clinic visit.

Clinical nurse specialist

The upper GI clinical nurse specialist is an experienced nurse who specialises in the care and support of people with cancers that affect the stomach, oesophagus (gullet), gall bladder, pancreas and liver. These are the organs in the upper half of the gastrointestinal tract (gut).

Who can contact the nurse specialist service?

Any patient coming for assessment or treatment for upper GI cancer at The Christie can contact the nursing service themselves or by referral from another healthcare professional. The service is available for as long as you need it.

Research nurses

The Christie is both a national and international centre for clinical research. Your consultant may speak to you about taking part in a clinical trial. You will then have the opportunity to meet a research nurse who has experience in upper GI cancer research and has specialist knowledge of new drugs and clinical trials.

How to access the service

You can access the service by contacting one of the numbers below.

Nurse clinician

Christina Rigby
0161 446 8099
0161 446 3000 bleep **12722**

Clinical nurse specialists

Vikki Owen-Holt (not Tuesday)
0161 918 7368
0161 446 3000 bleep **12746**

If you need urgent medical advice please ring The Christie Hotline on **0161 446 3658**.

To discuss chemotherapy appointments please call: **0161 918 7606 / 7610 / 7653 or 7652**.

To discuss clinic appointments please contact your consultant's secretary:

Dr Mansoor - **0161 446 3209**
Dr Waddell - **0161 918 7217**
Dr Hubner - **0161 446 8199**