The Christie Macmillan Urology Specialist Nursing Service

Introduction
The urology specialist nurses work as part of the wider team or urology and oncology experts at The Christie. They have specialist training and expertise in managing patients with urological cancers and act as ‘key workers’ for patients who are referred to The Christie for treatment. They are a point of contact for patients throughout their cancer treatment and follow-up.

As key workers, The Christie urology nursing service provide links with other key workers and health care professionals both at the hospital where you were diagnosed and in the community. The service is available for as long as you need to use it.

What can the key worker provide?

- 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.
- Specialist nursing assessment and advice about problems you may be experiencing because of the disease or the treatment.

Questions
Sometimes you or your family members may have questions for your medical team. These questions often occur to you at a time when your consultant is not available. This section is for you to use to list your questions in preparation for your next visit/appointment.

Ask your doctor:

- Macmillan Cancer Support has interpreters available for anyone who has questions about cancer or needs support. Freephone 0808 808 0000.
- The Benefits Agency www.dwp.gov.uk
- Macmillan Cancer Support 0808 808 0000
- Maggie’s Centre Manchester 0161 641 4848
- Maggie’s Centre Oldham 0161 989 0550

We try to ensure that all our information given to patients is accurate, balanced and based on the most up-to-date scientific evidence. If you would like to have details about the sources used please contact patient.information@christie.nhs.uk

For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.
The Christie Macmillan Urology Specialist Nurses are:

Mandy Bell  (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)
07787 275658

Jane Booker
0161 446 8018

Steve Booth
0161 918 2369

Sharon Capper
0161 446 3856

Helen Johnson
0161 918 7000

Cath Pettersen
0161 918 7328

There will be someone to take your call between 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

If you need urgent medical advice outside of these hours you can ring The Christie Hotline on 0161 446 3658 or contact your GP.

Useful addresses and phone 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, medical, emotional and financial support.
  0800 808 0000  www.macmillan.org.uk
  9am - 8pm, Monday - Friday
  (textphone 0808 808 0121 for the hard of hearing)

- **Prostate Cancer UK**
  Provides a range of information and support to men, their family and friends. Can help with finding a support group local to you.
  Specialist nurses available - Tel 0800 074 8383.
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 6pm.
  Wednesday 10am to 8pm.
  www.prostatecanceruk.org

- **Maggie's Centres - Manchester and Oldham**
  The centres provide a full programme of practical and emotional support including psychological support, benefits advice, nutrition and headcare workshops, relaxation and stress management.
  Manchester
  Contact Maggie’s on 0161 641 4848 or email maggiescentres.org
  The Robert Parfett Building, 15 Kinnaird Road, Manchester M20 4QL

  Oldham
  Contact Maggie's on 0161 989 0550 or email oldham@maggiescentres.org
  The Sir Normal Stoller Building, The Royal Oldham Hospital, Rochdale Road, Oldham OL1 2JH

- **Fight bladder cancer**
  Provides information and support www.fightbladdercancer.co.uk

- **Cancer52**
  Access to information about rarer cancer groups and other male cancer sites. www.cancer52.org.uk

**Cancer information in your language**

- If English is not your first language, you can speak to a nurse at Cancer Research UK through a qualified interpreter. The service is free and over 170 languages are available on 0808 800 4040.