

## Maggie's Centre

The centre provides a full programme of practical and emotional support, including psychological support, benefits advice, nutrition and head care workshops, relaxation and stress management. Contact Maggie's on **0161 641 4848** or email [manchester@maggiescentres.org](mailto:manchester@maggiescentres.org)  
Located near the hospital on Kinnaird Road, Withington M20 4QL

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.

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](mailto: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.



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

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, as well as your GP and community nurses.

### The service provides:

- specialist nursing assessment and advice about problems you may be experiencing due to your 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 and oesophagus (gullet). 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

### Nurse clinician

Christina Nuttall **0161 446 8099**

### Clinical nurse specialists

Vikki Owen-Holt (not Tuesday) **0161 918 7368**

Esther McQueenie **0161 956 1073**

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 Bhatt **0161 446 8580**

Dr Hubner **0161 446 8199**

Dr Mansoor **0161 446 3209**

Dr Radhakrishna **0161 446 3820**

Dr Sheikh **0161 446 3223**

Dr Waddell **0161 918 7217**

## 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. Call **0808 808 0000** or visit [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

### Cancer Research UK

If you have any questions about cancer, call the cancer nurses on freephone **808 0800 4040**. Cancer information is available in 170 languages via an interpreter.

### The cancer information centre

The Christie at Withington is located in the Oak Road entrance (department 3). Open Monday to Friday. Opening times can vary, so please ring to check before making a special journey - **0161 446 8100**.  
The Christie at Oldham - **0161 918 7745**  
The Christie at Salford - **0161 918 7804**