

## Chemotherapy department

# Chemotherapy at Macclesfield

### Introduction

You have been referred to the oncology service at Macclesfield District General Hospital (part of East Cheshire NHS Trust) which works in partnership with The Christie in Withington. This means that the oncologists (cancer doctors) who are caring for you work at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. They visit Macclesfield District General Hospital weekly to ensure that you receive as much of your treatment as possible closer to home.

We hope that you will find this leaflet a useful general guide while you are having treatment and care at Macclesfield. It may not answer all the questions you might have, so please discuss any concerns with your Christie doctor or specialist nurse.

Not all treatment can be given at Macclesfield. For some patients, visits to The Christie will be an essential part of their treatment.

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.

The Christie is committed to producing high quality, evidence based information for patients. Our patient information adheres to the principles and quality statements of the Information Standard. 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 Christie NHS Foundation Trust

The Christie is one of Europe's leading cancer centres:

- offering high-quality diagnosis, treatment and care for patients
- providing education in all aspects of cancer
- and delivering world-class research

The wide range of services includes chemotherapy, radiotherapy, specialist surgery and leukaemia services, palliative and supportive care and endocrinology.

## Macclesfield District General Hospital

The Christie cancer unit at Macclesfield was the first centre in the country funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and the local community to provide oncology outpatient clinics, chemotherapy, research and a cancer information and support service, all under one roof.

There has been a chemotherapy service at Macclesfield District General Hospital for nearly 20 years. It offers high quality individualised cancer treatment delivered locally, alongside dedicated and personalised information and support.

## Oncologists

When you first arrive, the oncologist will discuss your treatment with you before any therapy is started. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask your oncologist or any of their team.

The Christie is a training hospital so you may meet medical students at the clinic in Macclesfield. By allowing them to take part in your care, you can make a valuable contribution to their training. If you prefer not to have students present, please tell the doctor or nurse in charge as soon as possible. You have a right to do this and your treatment will not be affected in any way. We also try to respect the concerns of patients in relation to the gender of their doctor and other health professionals.

## Nurses

Please do not hesitate to ask the nurses if you have any queries. They will

do their best to advise you or put you in touch with someone who can help.

## Information and support

There are information services at The Christie and at the Christie cancer unit at Macclesfield. The cancer information centres have a full range of booklets about treatment, living with cancer and local services. The information is free to patients and relatives. Please ask your nurse or one of the team to show you where the information services are located.

Macmillan Cancer Resource Centre  
Macclesfield District General Hospital  
Tel: **01625 663198**

Cancer Information Centre  
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust  
Tel: **0161 446 8100**

## Standards of care

You can expect high standards of care at The Christie and Macclesfield. The relationship between the two trusts is well established.

The service at Macclesfield has been developed in line with national cancer guidelines. This ensures that an exceptionally high standard of cancer care can be delivered as close to our patient's homes as possible.