



# Radiotherapy to surgical scar sites on the chest wall

A guide for patients with mesothelioma and their carers

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You may have been given an information pack including a booklet 'Understanding mesothelioma' (Macmillan Cancer Support). This provides general information about your condition.

The Christie booklet 'Radiotherapy - a guide for patients and their families' contains general advice about radiotherapy and its side effects.

This booklet is to tell you about preventative radiotherapy to surgical tract/scar sites for patients with mesothelioma. Surgery has left scars on the chest wall. Treatment with radiotherapy can prevent the growth of cancer on these scars or tracts. It is also known as 'prophylactic irradiation to surgical tracts' (PIT for short). The Christie is a specialised centre for radiotherapy and patients come for treatments that are not always available at general hospitals.

You may have heard about radiotherapy from people you know or from the patients at The Christie. Remember that their information may not apply to you as your treatment is planned individually for you.



**Please note:**

**Mobile phones can interfere with the treatment equipment. Please look out for signs letting you know if it is safe to use your mobile phone. If you do have one with you, you may need to turn it off.**

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## What is radiotherapy?

Radiotherapy uses exact, carefully measured doses of radiation to treat diseases. In your case, it is likely to be a daily treatment given on three consecutive days. It is given by therapy radiographers who operate the machines which direct high-energy rays to the precise area needing treatment.

The radiographers are specially trained professional men and women. They will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your treatment.

## How does radiotherapy work?

Our bodies are made up of cells and all cells are able to divide. If radiation hits a cell that is dividing it will be damaged. Cancer cells are much less able than normal cells to repair the damage, so more of the cancer cells will be destroyed.

## When will radiotherapy begin?

During your initial radiotherapy planning appointment, the radiographers will be able to tell you exactly when you will start your treatment.

The specialist doctor who is in charge of your treatment is a clinical oncologist. A team of doctors, radiographers and nurses will care for you. This team may not necessarily include the doctor who saw you first, but a named consultant will be responsible for your treatment.

In choosing your treatment, your clinical oncologist at The Christie has carefully considered the nature of your illness and your particular needs with regard to your treatment plan.

## Agreeing to treatment

### Consent to treatment

The doctors, nurses and radiographers will give you some written information to support what they have said about your treatment. At the time your treatment is being planned, you will have a further opportunity to discuss anything that you do not understand or any anxieties you may have.

We will ask you to sign a consent form agreeing to accept the treatment that you are being offered. The basis of the agreement is that you have had The Christie's written description of the proposed treatment and that you have been given an opportunity to discuss any concerns. You are entitled to request a second opinion from another doctor who specialises in treating this cancer. You can ask your own consultant to refer you or your GP.

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**Radiation can be harmful to the unborn child. It is important to let the radiographers know if you have missed a period or suspect that you might be pregnant before you are exposed to any radiation.**

## Background information on mesothelioma

Mesothelioma is a malignant cancer of the **mesothelium**. Malignant means that the cancer can spread. The mesothelium is a thin membrane that lines the chest and abdomen and surrounds the organs in these areas. In the lungs, this lining is called the **pleura**.

Mesothelioma is a rare cancer. About 2000 people are diagnosed annually with malignant mesothelioma in the UK.

The pleura (lining) of the lungs has two layers: an inner layer (overlying the lung) and an outer layer (attached to the inside of the chest wall). Normally, these two layers are in contact and, due to a small amount of fluid in the space between them, slide over each other like cling-film to allow easy breathing. When you have mesothelioma, these layers become thickened and may press inwards on the lung. Fluid may collect between the layers of the pleura resulting in a pleural effusion or collection of fluid. These changes often cause the symptoms of breathlessness felt by some patients.

## What are the possible benefits of this treatment?

To confirm the diagnosis of mesothelioma you will need a pleural biopsy. This may involve several different procedures. Biopsies or samples of the pleural fluid can be taken using a CT guided needle biopsy, a thoracoscopy, a video assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS), or a thoracotomy (open surgical biopsy). You may also have fluid removed from your chest to help control your symptoms.

These biopsy/treatment procedures produce 'tracts' from the pleura to the skin surface. This can increase the risk of a cancerous nodule (lump) forming in the 'tract' or scar at these sites. The risk of a nodule forming if you choose not to have any further treatment varies widely, but on

average occurs in about 1 in 6-7 (15%) of people without radiotherapy.

The radiotherapy aims to 'sterilise' the 'tracts' and kill any cancer cells and so prevent any nodules developing there. The preventative 'tract' radiotherapy does not try to treat the underlying cancer which may be treated with other means such as chemotherapy (drugs).

There is uncertainty about the benefits of this treatment. In the UK, radiotherapy was traditionally given to chest wall scar/tract sites. However, there is no solid evidence to support the routine use of radiotherapy to scar/tract sites in malignant mesothelioma in the era of effective modern chemotherapy. Your oncologist may discuss with you entry into a national trial comparing scar/tract site radiotherapy versus no radiotherapy in view of this lack of evidence. We will also explain alternatives to trials that are available.

## Are there any alternatives to this treatment and what would happen if you had no treatment?

For some patients, it is an option to have no treatment. Your oncologist will discuss with you what would happen if you chose to have no treatment. There are several other methods to help control symptoms including ways to avoid or treat fluid accumulating again.

Very occasionally other surgical treatments may be suitable for some patients.

Chemotherapy treatment may be an option for you. Your oncologist at Wythenshawe will discuss this in detail if appropriate.

Not all of these options are suitable for everybody, but all possibilities will be discussed with you by your doctor.

## Planning the treatment

Your radiotherapy planning will take place in the radiotherapy department. During this planning session, the consultant or their registrar will identify the visible scar or scars on your chest wall. Then using a skin pen, the treatment area will be drawn directly onto your chest. These marks do wash off and so the radiographers will need to make some permanent marks, like tiny black freckles. We will ask you for your permission to take a photograph of the treatment area as a permanent record of your treatment and to help the radiographers set you up in the correct position daily. The area marked will be larger than your scar in order to treat the scar with a small margin of healthy tissue.

## What happens during treatment?

The radiographers will give you the treatment start date on the day of your treatment planning. You will check in to the radiotherapy department reception and be directed from there. On the treatment unit you will meet a radiotherapy support worker. They help patients plan their appointments for the treatment. The radiographers will have the details of your treatment which the doctor has carefully planned. They will explain to you exactly what will happen. The Christie is a training centre, so you may meet male and female students in the radiotherapy department who may be involved in the delivery of your treatment. If you have any objections let the radiographers know.

The radiographers will have a talk with you and discuss the treatment and how to minimise side effects. They will also check whether you are still happy to go ahead with your treatment. This is the ideal opportunity to ask any questions you may still have.



The radiographers will take you into the treatment room and ask you to remove your upper clothes so that they can see the marks made during treatment planning. They will help you onto the treatment bed. They will try to make you as comfortable as possible as you will be asked to keep still during the treatment.

The radiotherapy machines are quite large and you may find them a little frightening to begin with, but there is no need to worry - the treatment is painless. Each session may take about 10 minutes but the actual treatment only lasts a few minutes. The radiographers operate the machines from outside the room. When all the adjustments have been made and you are in exactly the right position, the radiographers will make sure you are alright and then leave the room to switch the machine on. There is nothing to feel and nothing to see. The machines make a buzzing noise when they are giving treatment.

Please do not feel abandoned. A closed circuit television on the control desk gives the radiographers a clear view of you and they will be watching you all the time. If you feel you need to cough or sneeze the radiographers will tell you beforehand how to let them know this. They will switch off the machine and come in immediately.

Once your treatment has finished they will help you off the bed and arrange your next visit if appropriate. You can then return home.

It is very important that you do not miss treatment days as this may make your treatment less effective. If you feel you are unable to attend for any reason please telephone the staff on your treatment machine and discuss the problem with a radiographer.

## Some questions you may have...

### **Will it hurt?**

No. You will feel no pain at all while you are actually having your treatment, although the treatment couch you lie on is rather hard.

### **Will I lose my hair?**

You will not lose any hair on your head. However, you may lose some hair in the area being treated during and after treatment, although this usually starts to grow back some time after treatment is finished.

### **Is it safe?**

Radiation used in medical treatment is given in controlled, carefully measured doses. The aim is to kill the cancer cells within the treatment area while minimizing the dose to the normal tissue.

### **Will I be radioactive?**

No. Patients treated by x-rays do not become radioactive. The radiation does not stay in your body after treatment, so you cannot do anyone else any harm. It is safe for you to mix with other people including children and pregnant women and to have visitors.

### **I already have problems with my general health. Will radiotherapy treatment make them worse?**

Not usually. The treatment may make you feel more tired than normal. Please tell your treatment team about any existing medical conditions and continue with any medication you may be taking. Ask your Christie doctor if you are worried about any other health problems

## **Can I come for treatment at any time of the day?**

You will be having treatment as an outpatient. The radiographers will give you an appointment time for the first treatment when you attend for your planning session. For the remaining two treatments, you can arrange with your treating team the time that suits you and the machine. Please try and be as flexible as possible and give priority to your treatment sessions over other general appointments. The time you prefer may not be available at the start of your treatment because of the large numbers of patients on the unit – over 40 each day. The time we give you may vary half an hour either way each day due to emergencies and so on. Each day, we will give you an appointment time for the following day.

## **What happens if I need ambulance transport to and from the hospital?**

Many patients are able to bring themselves or can ask a friend or relative to help them out. If you think you may need ambulance transport, please discuss this with a radiotherapy support worker or radiographer on your first visit to the radiotherapy department. Ambulance transport can be arranged subject to eligibility criteria based on medical need. There also needs to be a medical need for you to bring an escort on hospital transport.

There can be delays for some time either side of your appointment because of the high demand for transport. Please take this into account when you are deciding whether to use ambulance transport or not.

Hospital transport is provided by North West Ambulance Service and Arriva; however, you can contact the transport liaison office at The Christie directly on 0161 446 8114 or 8143 for advice. Patients attending The Christie at Salford can contact 0161 918 7800 and patients attending The Christie at Oldham can contact 0161 918 7700 for advice about transport.

## Where will I have my planning and treatment?

Most patients will have their planning and radiotherapy carried out at The Christie main site in Withington, Manchester. However, a small number of patients may be offered radiotherapy at The Christie at Oldham or Salford, if this is more convenient for them. The Christie remains responsible for running these sites. The radiotherapy treatment is delivered by Christie staff and the quality of care you will receive there will be the same as if you are treated at the Withington site.

## Prescriptions

From 1 April 2009 NHS patients treated for cancer became entitled to free prescriptions. Prescriptions from The Christie pharmacy are free for NHS patients. You will need an exemption certificate to get free prescriptions from a community pharmacy. Exemption certificates are available from the pharmacy and benefits advisers at The Christie and from your GP.

## Can I expect any side effects?

Many people who are having radiotherapy to their chest wall have few or no side effects. Side effects from radiotherapy are dependent on which part of your body is being treated and the number of treatments you have. People who have had similar treatments can often have different side effects.

Here are some of the more common side effects:

### **Early side effects**

These can vary according to the individual.

#### **■ Tiredness**

Tiredness is one of the most common side effects of cancer treatment. Although fatigue may be a symptom that you have already due to your cancer.

## ■ Skin reactions

Approximately 10 days following radiotherapy, you will probably develop redness and soreness of the skin within the treated area like a sun-burn. This will gradually fade over a few weeks. We will give you E45/aqueous cream to moisturise the area and hydrocortisone cream to use if it sensitive or sore.

## ■ Pain

There may be an ache within the treatment area lasting about one or two days and starting just after treatment. This is nothing to worry about. It is temporary and you can take simple painkillers such as paracetamol if necessary.

## ■ Shortness of breath

It is extremely uncommon for radiotherapy to cause breathlessness with this type of treatment.

## Late side effects

It is possible for some types of reaction to occur months or years after the treatment has finished. These side effects are permanent. Your doctor at The Christie will discuss any possible late effects with you if they are at all likely to occur.

## ■ Skin changes

With time, your skin (within the treated area only) may become paler than your normal skin. Tiny 'thread' veins may develop on the treated skin. Apart from cosmetic implications, these skin changes will not cause you any trouble.

## ■ Bone weakness

Rarely, radiotherapy can make some of the ribs more brittle. After a severe cough or mild trauma this can result in chest pain and/or a minor rib fracture.

## What you can do to help...

### Tiredness

- Try to maintain a normal sleeping routine and don't feel that you must do everything that you normally do. Ask your family and friends for help. It is a good rule of thumb to listen to what your body is telling you and if you feel tired then rest.
- For people in good general health, it may be beneficial to do some gentle exercise such as walking. There is a booklet and DVD about exercise called 'Be Active, Stay Active' which you may find helpful. Please ask your nurse or radiographer for a copy or visit one of the cancer information centres (see back cover).

### Skin care

#### ■ *Showering and bathing*

Wash the treated area with warm water and a mild soap or aqueous cream and then pat dry with a soft towel.

#### ■ *Creams and lotions*

It is advisable to moisturise the skin with an emollient to help moisturise and soothe the skin such as an aqueous cream or E45. However, if you would prefer to use a different cream, please speak to a member of the treating team for further advice. We may advise you to stop using the cream or lotion if your skin becomes blistered or broken.

#### ■ *Deodorants*

You may use a deodorant unless it irritates your skin. It is best to use a deodorant that does not contain any metal compounds such as aluminium.

#### ■ *Talcum powder*

Do not use talcum powder in the treated area as this may irritate your skin and have a drying effect.

### ■ *Hair removal*

Use an electric razor if possible. Avoid shaving, using wax or other hair removal creams especially if your skin becomes irritated.

### ■ *Clothing*

Loose natural fibre clothing such as cotton or silk may be more comfortable and prevent irritation caused by the rubbing of tight clothing.

### ■ *Perfumes and aftershave*

Perfumes and aftershave should not be used within the treatment area.

### ■ *Swimming*

Be cautious when swimming in a chlorinated pool as the water can have a drying effect on the skin. It is advisable to rinse the skin well afterwards and apply aqueous cream or E45. If the skin becomes pink or red during treatment stop swimming until the reaction has settled.

### ■ *Heat/Cold*

Do not apply ice packs or hot water bottles to the area being treated.

### ■ *Sun exposure*

Cover the treatment area when exposed to the sun or in cold and windy conditions whilst on treatment, and until any reaction has settled following treatment. We recommend using a total sun block for at least a year after treatment.

### ■ *Tape and dressings*

Do not use adhesive tape or dressings on the treated area. Please speak to your treating team for further advice.

There is more information in our leaflet 'Skin care during and after your radiotherapy treatment'. Please ask your radiographer for a copy or visit the cancer information centre.

## Nutritional advice

- If you are losing weight or cannot eat large meals, try to eat small frequent meals or snacks throughout the day. Ask the radiotherapy or nursing staff for a copy of 'Eating: Help yourself' which has detailed information about coping with problems such as difficulty in swallowing, nausea and lack of appetite.
- Make sure you drink plenty of fluids.
- You may need nutritional supplement drinks if you are losing weight or you are not eating very well. Please speak to the radiographers, nurses or Christie doctor if you feel you are losing weight. Ask for a copy of the 'Nutritional Drinks' booklet for ideas. Nutritional supplement drinks are available on prescription from your doctor.

## After treatment ends

After your treatment has ended, continue to follow the skin care and any other advice you have been given during your treatment until you feel your side effects from the radiotherapy have settled. These are likely to be temporary.

After you have finished your treatment, we will tell you about the arrangements for your first follow-up visit at an outpatient clinic.

You will see a doctor for a review about six weeks after radiotherapy. This may be your consultant oncologist or local chest physician (depending on local policy and your future treatment plans). We need to check that any side effects that you may have developed during or just after the radiotherapy have settled. If it has been suggested that you are to have chemotherapy following radiotherapy, we normally ask you to contact the Cecilia unit at Wythenshawe with the start date of your radiotherapy. The team can then plan your chemotherapy.



We do not carry out routine CT scans following radiotherapy to assess the response to this treatment. This radiotherapy is preventative. It aims to 'sterilize' the scar sites, so there would be no measurable disease in the scar site to assess on CT scan following radiotherapy. You may, of course, have a CT scan before starting chemotherapy to use as a baseline scan for comparison following chemotherapy. Your oncologist will discuss this with you if a CT scan is planned.

If you have any problems before you are due for your follow-up appointment you can ask your GP for advice or contact the radiotherapists who treated you at The Christie. If you have been treated through Wythenshawe or are to be receiving chemotherapy shortly, it may be advisable to contact the team there directly if you have specific problems between outpatient visits.

If you change your address, please let the health records department staff know your new address and the address of your new GP. You can ring or write to The Health Records Officer, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Withington, Manchester M20 4BX. Tel: 0161 446 3346 or 3347.

## Car parking

The Christie at Withington has a special car parking scheme for patients having daily radiotherapy although car parking charges still apply. The staff in the radiotherapy department will tell you about this after your radiotherapy planning session and will give you a leaflet about radiotherapy car parking. The Christie at Oldham and Salford have designated areas for patient parking. The support staff will give you a code to enter the parking areas.

## Further information

### **MESO support groups:**

#### **The Greater Manchester Asbestos Victims Support Group**

Tel 0161 636 7555 email: [asbestos.gmavsg@virgin.net](mailto:asbestos.gmavsg@virgin.net)  
[www.asbestos-victims-support.org](http://www.asbestos-victims-support.org)

#### **Mesothelioma UK**

Helpline 0800 169 2409  
Email: [mesothelioma.uk@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:mesothelioma.uk@uhl-tr.nhs.uk)  
[www.mesothelioma.uk.com](http://www.mesothelioma.uk.com)

## Compensation for the effects of industrial diseases

Compensation may be available if your mesothelioma was caused by exposure to asbestos. The Law Society has a list of specialised solicitors (0870 606 2555).

Alternatively your specialist nurse can help direct you with regards to compensation claims.

## Macmillan Cancer Support

This is a national cancer information charity which runs a cancer information service. The cancer support service freephone number is 0808 808 00 00 (9am to 8pm, Monday to Friday). You can ask to speak to specially trained cancer nurses who can give you information on all aspects of cancer and its treatment.

They also publish booklets which are free to patients, their families and carers. You can get a copy by ringing the freephone number above or by going on their website: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

Booklets available include:

- Individual booklets on specific cancers such as lung cancer.
- Understanding Radiotherapy and Understanding Chemotherapy
- Booklets on living with cancer - some of these are listed below:
  - Talking about your cancer
  - Talking to children and teenagers when an adult has cancer
  - Cancer and Complementary therapies
  - Travel and cancer
  - Coping with fatigue
  - Cancer and emotions

The cancer information centres offer information, advice and support. The centres have a full range of booklets free to patients and their relatives or carers. There are information centres at The Christie at Withington, Salford and Oldham.

## Christie information

The Christie produces a range of patient information booklets and DVDs. Some of these are listed below:

### ■ **DVDs on radiotherapy**

You can borrow a DVD to watch at home. Ask staff on the ward, in outpatients or radiotherapy if you would like one of these. Available in English, Urdu, Cantonese and Mandarin.

### ■ **Eating: Help Yourself**

This booklet gives advice on coping with eating problems when you don't feel well and when you are receiving treatment.

■ **Nutritional drinks**

Describes all the special nutritional products available to help people when eating is difficult.

■ **Advice about soft and liquidised foods**

For people who can only manage a soft or liquidised diet because of swallowing difficulties. Offers practical suggestions, recipes and nutritional information.

■ **Where to get help: services for people with cancer**

Discusses sources of help when you have cancer, where to go for financial help, and lists cancer support groups.

■ **Be Active, Stay Active:** a guide for exercising during and after treatment for cancer

A booklet and DVD with a simple exercise programme you can follow. There is also more information about coping with fatigue and the benefits of exercise.

Available with sub-titles, and in Urdu and Chinese.

The booklets are free to patients coming to The Christie. If you would like a copy, please ask the ward staff. If you are an outpatient please ask your nurse, doctor or radiographer.

A CD on radiotherapy in English is available from the cancer information centre

For the visually impaired: large print versions of the booklets are available. Please contact patient information on 0161 446 3576 or you can download these from The Christie website at [www.christie.nhs.uk](http://www.christie.nhs.uk)

## Benefits and finance

You may have had to stop work and had a reduction in your income. You may be able to get benefits or other financial help.

No new claims for Disability Living Allowance can be made after April 2013 but you may be entitled to Personal Independence Payments. People over 65 may be able to claim Attendance Allowance.

Find out more:

- Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance, call the Disability Benefits Helpline on 08457 123 456.
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP), call the PIP Helpline on 0845 850 3322.
- Carer's benefits, call the Carer's Allowance Unit on 0845 608 4321.
- Contact The Christie at Withington general and benefits adviser on 0161 446 8539. The Christie at Oldham has a benefits advice session on Thursday afternoons phone 0161 918 7745.
- Contact your local social services department.
- Macmillan Cancer Support has an advice line on 0808 808 00 00 or [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk).

## Contacts (via your consultant's secretary)

- Dr Burt - 0161 446 3336
- Dr Chittalia - 0161 446 3329
- Dr Faivre-Finn -0161 446 8200
- Dr Harris - 0161 446 3302
- Dr Lee - 0161 446 8581
- Dr Pemberton -0161 918 7442
- Dr Sheikh - 0161 446 3223
- Dr Bayman – 0161 446 3337
- Dr Coote – 0161 918 7442
- Dr Taylor – 0161 291 2829 ( Wythenshawe)
- Dr Summers – 0161 291 2829 ( Wythenshawe)

### **Nurse specialists**

- Emma Halkyard – 0161 918 7473
- Jackie Fenemore - 0161 446 3018
- Helen Dutton - 0161 291 2547 (Wythenshawe)

### **For queries about radiotherapy appointments**

- Radiotherapy department 0161 446 3485
- Radiotherapy department at Oldham 0161 918 7700
- Radiotherapy department at Salford 0161 918 7800

## Student training

The Christie is a training centre for postgraduate and undergraduate trainees so you may meet male and female students in all areas of the hospital. We train doctors, nurses, radiographers and other therapists in the treatment and care of cancer patients. Placements at The Christie are an important part of student training, so by allowing them to assist in your care, you will be making a valuable contribution to student education. Students are always supervised by fully qualified staff. However, you have the right to decide if students can take part in your care.

If you prefer them not to, please tell the doctor, nurse, radiographer or other therapist 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.

## The Christie Hotline

The service is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The Christie Hotline can provide help and support at every stage of treatment. All patients having radiotherapy can contact the Hotline for support and advice for radiotherapy reactions.

Contacting The Christie Hotline: When you call the Hotline you will hear a 'welcome' message. Listen carefully and follow the instructions. The team aim to answer your call within 4 minutes. All calls are recorded for training and monitoring purposes. When you speak to the Hotline team, remember to report any new or worsening conditions.

**The Christie Hotline**  
**0161 446 3658**

# The Christie Clinic

A private patient partnership between HCA International and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

## Do you have Private Medical Insurance?

Patients with Private Medical Insurance or those who choose to pay for their care can access a full range of treatment at The Christie Clinic. This includes initial consultation, diagnostics, surgical, chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments in one place.

The Christie Clinic is the Private Patient facility within The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. We work with The Christie NHS Foundation Trust as a joint partnership with HCA International. The partnership means that a share of the profit from The Christie Clinic is invested back into the NHS for the development of care and future service enhancement.

We value our patients as individuals so care is tailored to provide the best possible clinical outcomes; we work with a number of expert consultants who lead this tailored care plan. This consultant will be in charge of your care for the duration of your treatment.

If you wish to use your private medical insurance or pay for your treatment yourself there are three simple steps:

- 1) Check your insurance cover:** In some instances your insurance company may suggest that you have your care and/or some aspects of your treatment on the NHS. It is your choice. You have paid your premiums. If being treated in the NHS you choose to exercise your private medical insurance or wish to pay privately you may of course do this, but your consultant would guide you as to the best clinical option. Arranging a referral back into



the NHS for your treatments such as radiotherapy may cause some delays in beginning your treatment.

**2) Make an appointment:** There are no waiting lists. An appointment can be easily scheduled to suit you.

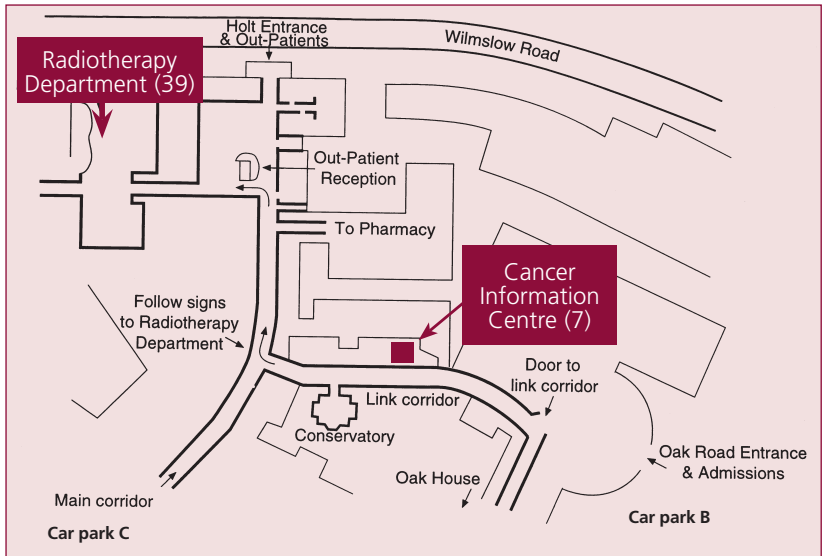
**3) For more information or advice:**

- Speak to your consultant about continuing your treatment as a private patient
- Call us on 0161 918 7296 if you have any queries about accessing our services or if you need a quotation if paying for treatment or if you have private medical insurance and wish to clarify any points.
- Email us: [info.christieclinic@hcahealthcare.co.uk](mailto:info.christieclinic@hcahealthcare.co.uk)

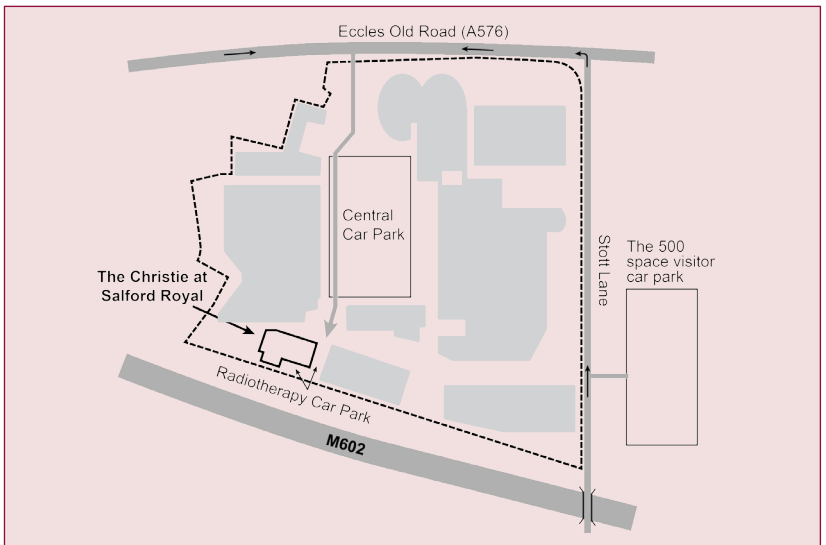
We care for patients at all stages of illness so it's not too late to consider private treatment.

Find out more about us and our services at [www.thechristieclinic.co.uk](http://www.thechristieclinic.co.uk)

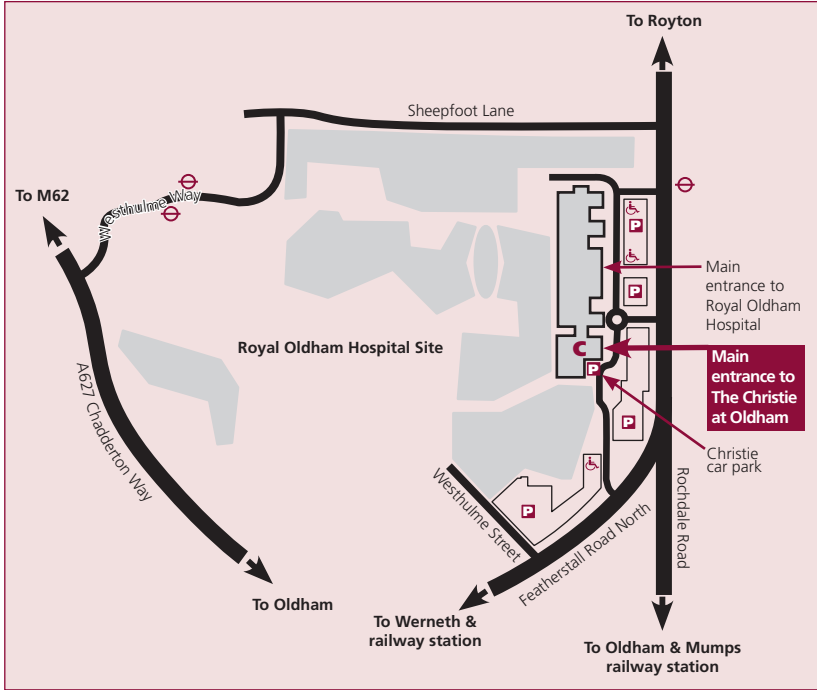
## How to find the radiotherapy department The Christie at Withington



## The Christie at Salford radiotherapy department



# The Christie at Oldham radiotherapy department



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)



The Christie   
NHS Foundation Trust

## Visit the Cancer Information Centre:

The Christie at Withington Tel: 0161 446 8100

The Christie at Oldham Tel: 0161 918 7745

The Christie at Salford Tel: 0161 918 7804

Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Opening times can vary, please ring to check before making a special journey.



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