

Department of surgery

The specialist nursing service for plastic surgery and skin cancer

The clinical nurse specialists (CNS) aim to provide support and information to people with a cancer diagnosis.

The CNS will also provide support to their families and carers if it is needed.

The aim is to support the patient from the point of diagnosis, throughout their investigations, treatment planning and follow-up.

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

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



Services the CNS provides

- Listens to you about any feelings, worries and concerns about your diagnosis and treatment.
- Supports you by answering any questions you may have.
- Discusses the diagnosis and treatment plan with you and, if needed, your family or carer.
- Helps you to understand what is happening at each stage of your care.
- Gives you written and verbal information on diagnosis.
- Provides a point of contact.
- Gives you information on where to get financial advice.
- Makes referrals to other multi-disciplinary team specialist services, such as specialist counselling, complementary therapy, lymphoedema clinic and camouflage service.

Who are the clinical nurse specialists?

The clinical nurse specialists for skin cancer at The Christie are Caroline Owens, Emma Mitchell and Sarah Fulton. They are registered nurses with specialist training and experience within skin cancer.

Please do not hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns throughout your care at The Christie.

Contacting the specialist nurses

Contact hours are between 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Caroline Owens **0161 918 7587**
Emma Mitchell
Sarah Fulton

If they are not at their desks there is an answer machine service. Please leave a message and they will call you back, although this may not be the same day.

Consultant name: _____

Doctor in clinic: _____

Surgery date: _____

Pre op: _____

PET scan: _____

CT scan: _____

MRI scan: _____

Sentinel lymph node scan: _____

USS: _____

Anti-coagulant advice: _____

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