



Department of Urology

Carcinoma in situ (CIS) – penile cancer

Carcinoma in situ

Carcinoma in situ means there are abnormal cells or growths that can look like ulcers or warts on the surface of the skin of the penis. These abnormal cells or growths may become cancer and spread into nearby normal tissue if not treated.

Diagnosis

Your GP will have examined you and referred you to a urologist (a specialist doctor) for further investigations. Sometimes men have been referred to a dermatologist (doctor specialising in skin diseases) or sexual health clinics. A biopsy (sample of the abnormal patch of skin) may have been taken and analysed using a microscope to check for cancer cells. If cancer is detected or if your doctor is suspicious that cancer cells may be present you will be referred to a specialist centre such as The Christie as required by the NHS Healthcare Pathway.

Treating carcinoma in situ (CIS)

These are pre-cancerous cell changes and you may hear doctors call it penile intraepithelial neoplasia. There are various treatments doctors can use in the treatment of penile CIS. These treatments aim to preserve the cosmetic appearance of the penis and normal function. Your doctor will discuss which treatment is the most appropriate for you.

- **Creams**

Your doctor may suggest treating the area affected with CIS with cream. This could be with a chemotherapy cream such as Fluorouracil (5FU) or a cream called Imiquimod. If either of these creams are prescribed for you then we will give you more information on these treatments.

- **Minor surgery**

You might be offered laser therapy to the area affected with CIS or following discussion your surgeon may recommend removing the affected skin.

Follow-up

You will be given a follow-up appointment to return to the clinic so that our doctors can assess the effect of your treatment, and to discuss further treatment if necessary, and the management of your care with you. If you have any concerns about the treatment and want to discuss these in between your follow up appointments please contact your specialist nurse/key worker whose contact number is on The Christie Urology Nursing Service leaflet.

Further information

You may have other questions about issues not covered in this information sheet, please contact one of your key workers, Macmillan Urology Clinical Nurse Specialists:

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Steve Booth **0161 918 2369**

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Macmillan Cancer Support

Provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer and for general information about cancer, treatments and booklets as well as benefits information. You can ask to talk to a cancer information nurse specialist who can answer questions about cancer and treatments and what to expect. Tel: **0808 808 00 00** or visit www.macmillan.org.uk

Orchid 'fighting male cancer'

Information about men's cancers. Visit www.orchid-cancer.org.uk

Cancer Research UK

Cancer information available in 170 languages via an interpreter. Call: **0808 800 4040**

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 more information about The Christie and our services, please visit [**www.christie.nhs.uk**](http://www.christie.nhs.uk) or visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford.

Contact The Christie Hotline for
urgent support and specialist advice

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