

Please use the space below to jot down any questions you might want to ask your doctor or nurse and bring this leaflet with you to your next appointment:



Haematology Multi-disciplinary team

Information for patients

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The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The MDT is a team of healthcare professionals with the necessary skills to diagnose and treat patients with haematological cancers.

Some of the team involved in your care will include:

The haematology consultant:

A doctor who is an expert in treating haematological cancers.

The nurse clinician:

A nurse who is an expert in the treatment and clinical management of people with haematological cancers, with additional skills and qualifications to examine you and prescribe medication.

The myeloma clinical nurse specialist:

A nurse who is an expert in the care and support of people with myeloma. The clinical nurse specialist can also help you understand anything you might need to know.

The research nurse:

A nurse who is responsible for providing information to patients about clinical trials and organising treatment and follow-up care whilst on such trials.

The histopathologist:

A doctor who is an expert in looking at biopsy specimens under the microscope to determine the exact type and nature of the haematological cancer.

The radiologist:

A doctor who is an expert in interpreting x-rays and special scans which provide important information for diagnosing and treating cancer.

The MDT process

The MDT meets every Wednesday. We will discuss your cancer and work out what we feel will be the best treatment for you. Whenever possible your case will be discussed in the MDT before you start treatment.

When the MDT has discussed your case, your doctor or nurse clinician will see you in clinic to discuss treatment options.

Once a decision has been made on how best to treat you, we will discuss with you the most suitable place for you to receive your treatment.

Any questions?

We want you to be confident about your treatment plan. That's why we hope you will want to talk to us and tell us what is important for you. We will always tell you everything you want to know about your diagnosis.

If you are worried or do not understand something you have heard, your team of doctors and nurses (or research nurse if you are on a clinical trial) is there to help. Your nurse will act as your key worker throughout your care with us and will be a point of contact for information and advice. The nurse will provide a link between yourself and the other MDT members if you have any questions.

Useful numbers:

Haematology secretaries (appointments):	0161 446 8420
Jo Tomlins:	0161 446 8010
Anne-Marie Kelly:	0161 446 8167
Transplant/apheresis nurses:	0161 446 8011
Research nurses:	0161 446 8093
Haematology day unit (HTDU):	0161 446 3924
Haematology and transplant unit:	0161 446 3925

Haematology trials at The Christie:

<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/research-division/researchers/disease-groups/leukaemia,-lymphoma,-myeloma-transplant>.