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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 **the-christie.patient.information@nhs.net** 

For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham, Salford or Macclesfield. 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

# Prostate follow-up at The Christie at Macclesfield

Your first follow-up appointment after prostate cancer treatment will be delivered at The Christie at Macclesfield.

The clinic is staffed by specialist Christie nurses who have expertise in managing prostate cancer patients. At the appointment you will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding your prostate cancer, blood test results and treatment side effects. For most patients, long term follow-up will be regular prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests with a reminder and results service. There is open access to the specialist nursing team for advice and support and no requirement for regular face to face or telephone appointments.

If at any point it is felt that you need to see a consultant urologist or specialist cancer doctor then you will have rapid access back into their clinic.

You need to have an up-to-date PSA blood test performed before you get to the clinic so we have the results to hand on the day and we can then discuss them with you. You need to make arrangements with your own GP practice for this blood test to be carried out 1 to 2 weeks before your Christie appointment date. Please bring a copy of the PSA result with you.



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## Travelling to The Christie at Macclesfield

The Christie at Macclesfield Fieldbank Road Macclesfield SK11 8PZ

Telephone: 0161 956 1700

For directions, visit **www.christie.nhs.uk** - Visiting The Christie - Our treatment centres - The Christie at Macclesfield

#### Car parking and disabled parking

Car parking is available opposite, next to The Christie at Macclesfield. Alternative car parking is also available nearby in the main Macclesfield District General Hospital car park. A camera controlled 'pay on exit' scheme is in operation and parking fees apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The car parks can be busy so please allow plenty of time to look for a space.

All Blue Badge holders are exempt from charges. Please register your Blue Badge at the main reception. If you need assistance getting out of your vehicle, please call the support staff on The Christie at Macclesfield reception **0161 956 1700** for help.

For more information visit www.macclesfield.eastcheshire.nhs.uk – Car parking

## Travelling by bus

The 130 bus travels between Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Handforth, calling at Macclesfield District General Hospital.

For further information on bus service timetables and journey planning, visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk – public transport – bus service timetables and journey planning

#### Hospital transport

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 with you on hospital transport. Contact The Christie at Macclesfield team on **0161 956 1700** for advice about transport and bookings.

If you are unable to make your appointment or you have any other queries about your clinic visit, please contact the Macmillan urology secretary at The Christie on 0161 446 8238.

#### When you arrive

Please report to The Christie at Macclesfield main entrance. Please book in at reception. Staff will check your details and direct you to the correct waiting area.

## Information and support services

A comprehensive information and support service is provided for patients and their loved ones attending The Christie at Macclesfield. The cancer information and support centre is open 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Telephone: **01625 663128** or **01625 663129** (please call ahead to check the centre is open before visiting).

Information and support is available over the telephone between 9am and 4pm.