

The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit
Royal Bolton Hospital

Providing chemotherapy closer to home

Treating patients Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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.

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 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



Mobile chemotherapy unit

The SACT (systemic anti -cancer therapy) outreach unit benefits patients who currently have to travel long distances for treatment at The Christie. It enables us to deliver the first class treatment and care for which The Christie is renowned, closer to patients' homes throughout Greater Manchester.

The mobile unit is run by our Christie chemotherapy trained nurses to ensure that standards of care and safety are consistent with our main site. Each working day it travels to a different location around our region where our research demonstrates the need is greatest.

The facility has 3 treatment chairs and we are able to treat up to 16 patients per day. This means that around 80 patients per week save both precious time and travel costs by having their cancer treatment closer to home.

Many standard chemotherapy treatments are suitable for treatment on the mobile unit. The suitability depends on the length of treatment time, types of drugs, complexity of the regimen and consultant approval.

Bloods before treatment

If you are not required to see your doctor in clinic before receiving a cycle of chemotherapy, you will still need to have a blood test. Your blood test can be taken at your local hospital or at The Christie. If you are unable to attend your local hospital or your GP surgery or district nurse may be able to take the blood test for you.

For each blood test you will need to take a completed blood form with you that is specific to the hospital you are attending. If required, a form will be sent out in the post to you before treatment. The nurses will then provide future forms for you when you attend for your treatment.

If you have any questions about your treatment, please contact:

The outreach chemotherapy team on 0161 918 7671

Working hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday

If you have any queries about your mobile chemotherapy appointments please contact:

The outreach scheduler on 0161 918 7654

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If you would like to find out more or would like to have your treatment on the mobile unit please ask your doctor or chemotherapy nurse. Alternatively, please contact the team on the above telephone numbers.

**If you are unwell please contact The Christie Hotline on:
0161 446 3658 (24 hours)**

Where we are

The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit (MCU) is situated at

Bridge Street Car Park
Royal Bolton Hospital
Minerva Road
Farnworth
Bolton
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