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113, 362, 638/39, 640/641, 664, 674.

Travel line 0870 608 2608

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

The Christie Chemotherapy Outreach Service Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

Introduction

The Cancer Care Suite at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary in Wigan, in partnership with The Christie, has started a new service which gives patients the opportunity to receive their chemotherapy closer to home.

The chemotherapy service for your treatment at the Wigan Cancer Care Suite is managed by The Christie. This means that the oncologists (cancer specialists) who will be caring for you work at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, but you will be able to have your treatment in the Wigan Cancer Care suite. This is to ensure that you receive as much of your treatment as possible closer to your home.

We hope that you will find this leaflet useful whilst having your treatment at the Wigan Cancer Care Suite. The information is a general guide and will not answer all the questions you are likely to have. Please discuss any worries or concerns with your oncologist or specialist nurse.

Not all treatment can be given at the Wigan Cancer Care Suite and for some patients treatment at The Christie will be an essential part of their care.



Oncology doctors

You will be seen by an oncologist at The Christie who will discuss with you the possibility of having your treatment at the Wigan Cancer Care Suite. The oncologist will discuss your treatment with you before any therapy is started. If you would like to know more, do not hesitate to ask your oncologist or any of their team.

The Christie is a training hospital so you may meet both male and female students. Any concerns you may have regarding the gender of the oncologist will be considered but by allowing them to take part in your care, you can make a valuable contribution to their training. If you prefer not to, please tell the doctor or nurse in charge as soon as possible. You have the right to do this, and your treatment will not be affected in any way.

The nurses

The nurses who treat patients at The Wigan Cancer Care Suite are specially trained to give chemotherapy. Please do not hesitate to ask the nurses if you have any queries. They will do their best to advise you or put you in touch with someone who can help.

Blood tests before treatment

If you are on a protocol cycle for your treatment, you can have your blood tested at the Diagnostic Department in the Thomas Linacre Centre close to Wigan town centre. If you need your blood testing before you attend the Wigan Cancer Care Suite the nurses will give you a form and advise you when to attend.

Information and support services

They can help you with the information and support including relaxation therapies, financial advice and travel insurance. Please ask your nurse or one of your team how to access these services.

Standards of care

High standards of care can be expected at The Christie and the Wigan Cancer Care suite. Outreach services such as this at Wigan have been developed in line with national cancer guidelines to ensure that an exceptionally high standard of cancer care can be delivered as close to the patient's home wherever possible.

Contacts

If you have any questions about your treatment or appointments please contact:

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Cancer care suite reception on **01942 822573**

or

SACT outreach team on **0161 918 7654 or 0161 918 7671**

Where we are

Cancer Care Centre

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Wigan Lane

Wigan WN1 2NN

By car:

Head north west on the M6. At junction 25, exit onto the A49.

At the roundabout take the 3rd exist onto the B5328. Continue and cross the mini roundabout.

Turn left at traffic lights following the B5238. Continue on the A49.

You will eventually see signs for the hospital which is on the left hand side.

Parking:

There is free parking for oncology patients who attend the Trust for frequent regular treatment. Please ask the team at the Cancer Care Suite for further information.