

## Visit the cancer information centre

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## Comments, compliments or complaints

We welcome any suggestions you have about the quality of our care and services. The patient advice and liaison service (PALS) provides information, help and advice and aims to resolve any concerns as quickly as possible. PALS can be contacted on **0161 446 8217** or email [pals@christie.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@christie.nhs.uk)

Alternatively, fill in a Christie comment form which gives you the chance to say what you think needs improving, or what you particularly appreciated. They can be found on display around the hospital or online on The Christie website [www.christie.nhs.uk](http://www.christie.nhs.uk)

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 information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.

## The specialist gynaecology oncology multidisciplinary team



Contact The Christie Hotline for  
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**The Christie Hotline: 0161 446 3658**  
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



## **What is the specialist gynaecology oncology multidisciplinary team (MDT)?**

Diagnosing and treating cancer requires a team of experts, called a multidisciplinary team (MDT). Our team is made up of professionals who are all experts in cancer and have specialised in gynaecological cancer. They advise what tests are needed to decide what your type of cancer is and determine which treatment options will be most effective and appropriate for you.

Each new patient with a suspected cancer is discussed in an MDT meeting so that the team can come to a shared decision on what treatment options are most appropriate for each patient. There are many people in the MDT. All of them play a part in supporting you and your family throughout your care. The team includes:

### **Gynaecological oncology surgeons**

Each consultant is specially trained and experienced in assessing, diagnosing and treating your gynaecological cancer. They will discuss your surgical treatment and will carry out the surgery necessary to remove your cancer. In some cases, surgery may involve surgeons from other specialities such as urology, colorectal and plastic surgery.

### **Gynaecology oncology clinical nurse specialists**

Each nurse has additional qualifications in this area of expertise covering gynaecological cancer treatments and management. They will support you and coordinate your care, including your follow up appointments and any on-going treatment whether that is surgery, chemotherapy or radiotherapy.

### **Nurse clinicians**

Nurse clinicians work on the ward and in the outpatient clinic. They are experienced cancer nurses with specific advanced training. You may be seen by a nurse clinician or a doctor. Both the medical oncology team and clinical oncology team have a nurse clinician working with them.

### **Histopathologists**

These consultants examine cancer cells under the microscope and work out how they behave.

### **Radiologists**

These consultants carry out and examine scans and x-rays.

### **Clinical oncologists**

These consultants treat women with a gynaecological cancer who require radiotherapy and/or chemotherapy. This treatment may be given either following surgery or can be used on its own as the only treatment required.

### **Medical oncologists**

These consultants treat women with a gynaecological cancer who require chemotherapy. This treatment may be given either following surgery, or be used on its own as the only treatment required. It can sometimes be used before an operation to shrink the cancer down.

### **You come first**

The MDT meets once a week to make sure individual patient's needs are prioritised. Your case will be discussed with the gynaecological teams throughout Greater Manchester and Cheshire to ensure a consensus of opinion in relation to your treatment plan. Following this, a member of the relevant team will meet with you in clinic to discuss your treatment options and follow up. Verbal and written information will be provided at every stage of your care to help support the decisions you make.