

- **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Provides information and advice on all aspects of cancer including treatments and benefits advice. Interpreters available and text phone for the hard of hearing.

Freephone: **0808 808 00 00** www.macmillan.org.uk

- **Cancer Research UK**

The UK's leading charity dedicated to cancer research. Interpreters are available. Tell: **0808 800 4040**

Freephone: **0800 226 237** www.cancerresearchuk.org

- **Colostomy Association** - Provides support, information and literature

Freephone: **0800 328 4257** www.colostomyassociation.org.uk

- **Bowel Cancer UK** - Newsletters, research into treatments etc.

Tel: **0800 840 35 40** www.bowelcancer.org.uk

- **Beating Bowel Cancer** - Raising awareness, improving standards

Freephone: **08450 719 301** www.beatingbowelcancer.org

- **Marie Curie Cancer Care** - Community nursing and hospice care

Tel: **020 7599 7777** www.mariecurie.org.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

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 Specialist Colo-rectal Support Service

This service is offered by a team of highly qualified and experienced nurses and a radiographer. They have specialist knowledge and skills in the care and support of patients with bowel cancer.

The service provides:

- ongoing advice and support for patients, their partners and families
- information and advice about treatment, treatment options and research trials
- a point of contact when questions or problems arise
- time to discuss problems
- a link to other health professionals involved in your care at home and in hospital
- information about useful organisations and patient support services.

The team members may not always be directly involved in the clinic you attend, but you can contact them on the numbers on the next page.

Who are we?

Nurse clinicians

Olive Craven, Janette Beech and Andrea Burgess are The Christie colo-rectal nurse clinicians. They are highly qualified and experienced nurses who specialise in the management and care of people with bowel cancer.



The main part of their work is done in the outpatient department and they work closely with doctors, nurses and radiographers. They do a similar job to the doctors and you may see one of them, or a doctor at your clinic visit.

Olive Craven - **0161 446 3756**

Janette Beech - **0161 918 2194**

Andrea Burgess - **0161 446 8341**

Chemotherapy nurses

Carol Hughes and Wendy Marchant are the colorectal chemotherapy nurses. They have experience in the support and care of patients with bowel cancer who are receiving chemotherapy. You may see one of the nurses instead of a doctor at your clinic visit.

Specialist colo-rectal radiographer

Lucy Buckley is The Christie specialist colo-rectal radiographer. She is an experienced radiographer who offers support and information to patients receiving radiotherapy for rectal and anal cancer.

Lucy Buckley - **0161 446 8169** bleep: **12780**

Clinical nurse specialists

Julie Brewer, Sarah Mitchell and Jo Allen are The Christie colo-rectal clinical nurse specialists. They have experience in the support and care of patients with bowel cancer. You may have access to them in the outpatient clinics, on the wards or by telephone.

The clinical nurse specialists at The Christie maintain close links with the clinical nurse specialists at your local hospital and other health professionals in the community to ensure continuity of care.

Who can contact a clinical nurse specialist?

Any patient coming for assessment or treatment for bowel cancer at The Christie can contact the nursing service themselves or by referral from another healthcare professional. The service is available for as long as you need it.

How to contact a clinical nurse specialist

If you are attending The Christie ask your doctor, nurse or radiographer to bleep the colo-rectal nurse specialists, or call on the numbers below. You can leave a message on the answerphone. They will return your call at the first opportunity.

Julie Brewer - 0161 918 7002 bleep: **12541**

Monday and Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tuesday 8:00am - 1:00pm

Sarah Mitchell - 0161 446 8407 bleep: **12093**

Monday to Thursday, 9.00am - 5.00pm

Jo Allen - 0161 918 7002 bleep **12541**

Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am

If you need help or advice at other times you can:

- contact your GP
- contact The Christie Hotline on - **0161 446 3658**
- phone The Christie switchboard on - **0161 446 3000** and ask to speak to a member of your consultant's team.

Research nurses

The Christie is both a national and international centre for clinical research. Your consultant may speak to you about taking part in a clinical trial. You will then have the opportunity to meet a research nurse who has experience in bowel cancer research and has a specialist knowledge of new drugs and clinical trials.

Jacqui Connell, Lilly Simpson and Danielle McCool

Contact number - **0161 446 3439**

Other useful information

There is a cancer information centre at each of our hospital sites.

Open Monday to Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

The Christie at Withington - **0161 446 8100**

The Christie at Oldham - **0161 918 7745**

The Christie at Salford - **0161 918 7804**