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 colorectal radiographer
Lucy Buckley is The Christie specialist colorectal 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 colorectal 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 colorectal 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