

The Christie at home service

Receiving intravenous chemotherapy or immunotherapy

Introduction

The purpose of The Christie at home team is to provide specialist treatment and assessment in your own home.

The benefit of this service is an improvement in your experience by receiving the treatment in your own home rather than having to travel to a hospital. We are currently treating patients who live in the Greater Manchester and Cheshire area.

What you can expect

If you are prescribed a treatment that is suitable for administration at home, your doctor will discuss this with you when you attend clinic.

You will then be contacted by a member of The Christie at home team to schedule your appointments and provide more information regarding planned visits.

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



Doctor review and blood testing

You will be asked to attend reviews by your doctor as required. These reviews will take place at The Christie. If you are not required to see your doctor in clinic before receiving a cycle of treatment, you will still need to have a blood test. Your blood test can be taken at The Christie, at a local hospital or Christie clinic (listed on the next page).

The Christie at home team will be able to provide you with a completed blood form in advance and advise you when and where to attend.

Telephone assessment

The day before your treatment is due one of The Christie at home nurses will contact you to carry out a short telephone assessment. This assessment is an essential part of having treatment at home. During the call the nurse will ask you a series of short questions about how you have been feeling since your last treatment and any symptoms you may have experienced. Following this call the nurse will be able to instruct The Christie Pharmacy to prepare your treatment.

If you are unwell between treatments do not wait for The Christie at home nurse to make contact, please call The Christie Hotline on 0161 446 3658.

Delivery of treatment

The Christie at home team will arrange with you to have the treatment delivered to your home by a courier. Delivery by the courier will be **2** days before your treatment day. The courier will contact you in advance to give you a **1** hour delivery slot.

Storage of treatment

Your treatment will need to be stored in your fridge at home. We advise you to place it in a sealed plastic box to separate it from your food.

If you would like to find out more about having your treatment at home, please ask your doctor or clinic nurse. Alternatively, please contact the team on the telephone numbers opposite.

If you do not wish to have your treatment at home, or your treatment is not one that we can give at home, there may be other local options available to you. The Christie runs small chemotherapy clinics in the following locations:

Monday:

- The mobile chemotherapy unit in Rochdale
- Salford Royal

Tuesday:

- The mobile chemotherapy unit in Stretford
- Tameside Macmillan Unit, Tameside Hospital

Wednesday:

- The mobile chemotherapy unit at Bolton Royal Hospital
- Tameside Macmillan Unit, Tameside Hospital

Thursday:

- The mobile chemotherapy unit in Chadderton
- Bury Townside Primary Care Centre
- Arden House Medical Practice, New Mills

Friday:

- The mobile chemotherapy unit at Bolton Royal Hospital
- Tameside Macmillan Unit, Tameside Hospital
- St Luke's Hospice, Winsford

Please contact the team if you would like to be considered for one of the above clinics.

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

The Christie at home team or outreach senior sister on **0161 918 7671**
Working hours 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.