

The Christie at Home service

## Receiving intravenous chemotherapy or immunotherapy

### Introduction

The Christie at Home team provides specialist treatment and assessment in your home.

By receiving your treatment in your own home you are not having to travel to the main Christie site for your appointments. This helps your experience as a patient with us. We are currently treating patients who live in the Greater Manchester area including; Altrincham, Bolton, Bury, Glossop, Leighton, Macclesfield, Manchester, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside Trafford, Wigan 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.

The Christie is committed to producing high quality, evidence based information for patients. Our patient information adheres to the principles and quality statements of the Information Standard. If you would like to have details about the sources used please contact **[the-christie.patient.information@nhs.net](mailto:the-christie.patient.information@nhs.net)**

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 reviewed by your doctor as required. These reviews may take place at The Christie or by telephone. If you are not required to see your doctor in clinic before receiving a cycle of treatment, you may still need to have a blood test. Your blood test can be taken at one of The Christie Outreach or local phlebotomy clinics, closer to home.

Alternatively, you could attend The Christie before your treatment appointment.

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 **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 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 nurse. Alternatively, please contact the team on the telephone number below.**

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 clinics in the following locations:

### Monday:

- Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Oldham
- The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit, Eccles

### Tuesday:

- The Macmillan Unit, Tameside Hospital
- The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit, Trafford

### Wednesday:

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

### Thursday:

- Arden House Medical Practice, New Mills
- The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit, Royal Bolton Hospital
- Bury Hospice, Bury

### Friday:

- St Luke's Hospice, Winsford
- The Macmillan Unit, Tameside Hospital
- The Christie mobile chemotherapy unit, Royal Bolton Hospital
- Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Oldham

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

**0161 918 7671**

8:00 am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday