

Department of surgery

The specialist nursing service for plastic surgery and skin cancer

The clinical nurse specialists (CNS) provide support and information if you have had a cancer diagnosis, as well as to your family and carers.

You will be supported from your diagnosis, and throughout your investigations, treatment planning and follow-up.

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**

For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham, Salford or Macclesfield. 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



Your CNS will:

- listen to any feelings, worries and concerns you have about your diagnosis and treatment.
- support you by answering any questions you have.
- discuss your diagnosis and treatment plan with you and, if needed, with your family or carer
- help you to understand what is happening at each stage of your care
- give you written and verbal information on your diagnosis
- provide a point of contact
- give you information on where to get financial advice
- makes referral to other multi-disciplinary team specialist services, such as specialist counselling, complementary therapy, lymphoedema clinic and camouflage service

Who are the clinical nurse specialists?

The clinical nurse specialists for skin cancer at The Christie are registered nurses with specialist training and experience within skin cancer.

Please do not hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns throughout your care at The Christie.

How to contact the specialist nurses

Contact hours are between 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Telephone - **0161 918 7587**

If they are not available, there is an answer machine service. Please leave a message and they will call you back, although this may not be the same day.

Your consultant is:.....

Your doctor in clinic is:.....

Your provisional surgery date is:.....

Pre op:

PET scan:

CT scan:

MRI scan:

Sentinel lymph node scan:

USS:

Anti-coagulant advice:

Medical illustration:

Notes: