

Providing treatment closer to home

The Christie at Macclesfield

The Christie at Macclesfield benefits patients who would normally have to travel long distances for radiotherapy and/or systemic anti-cancer therapies (SACT) at the main site in Withington. The standard of treatment carried out is the same across all sites.

SACT is the delivery of systemic anti-cancer therapy - this can be chemotherapy, immunotherapy, bisphosphonates or hormone treatment. This means you will be able to receive your treatment closer to home. The SACT unit has 18 treatment chairs.

The radiotherapy unit is equipped with 2 of the most advanced treatment machines and 1 CT scanner. This equipment is able to deliver the same high standard of treatment as the main Christie site.

Many radiotherapy or SACT treatments are suitable to be administered at The Christie at Macclesfield. The suitability depends on the length of treatment time, types of drugs, complexity of the treatment and consultant approval.

The staff who work at The Christie at Macclesfield are trained to the same high standards as all our Christie teams, across all sites.

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



Outpatient clinic appointments

There are a number of consultant outpatient clinics which take place at The Christie at Macclesfield throughout the week. Some patients will need to travel to Withington to see their consultant, even if their treatment is being provided at The Christie at Macclesfield. You may also be seen by our specialist clinical review team.

Bloods before treatment/phlebotomy appointments

Most patients will need a blood test to be taken prior to every treatment. The pre-treatment blood test can be taken at The Christie at Macclesfield by appointment only. Please call **0161 956 1700** to make an appointment. Alternatively you can visit The Christie website for Bloods Closer to Home appointments which are at multiple locations www.christie.nhs.uk

For each blood test you will need a blood form. As your appointment is pre-booked these forms will be prepared in advance of you attending, prior to your treatment.

Information and support services

The Christie at Macclesfield provides a comprehensive information and support service for patients and their families attending the unit. The cancer information and support centre is open 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone **01625 663203** (please call to check the centre is open before making a visit). Information and support is also available over the telephone between the hours of 9am to 4pm.

If you have any questions about your treatment or appointments please contact The Christie at Macclesfield team on **0161 956 1700** Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6pm

If you are unwell please contact The Christie Hotline on 0161 446 3658 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Where we are

The Christie at Macclesfield
Fieldbank Road
Macclesfield
SK11 8PZ

Travelling by car

Car parking is available opposite to our building at The Christie at Macclesfield.

Alternative parking is also available nearby in the main hospital car park.

Car parking is free of charge for some oncology patients who attend for regular treatment. If you are eligible, this will be discussed with you when you attend for your first appointment.

For those patients who are required to pay for parking, you will need to do so at the pay machines located in the car park before you leave, not on arrival.

Blue Badge holders can register their badges with our reception staff or you can scan the badge on the car park machine.

Travelling by bus

The 130 bus travels between Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Handforth, calling at Macclesfield District General Hospital which is near to our location, although if you have difficulties walking please be aware that this is a 10 minute walk.