

The cancer information centre

The cancer information centre is located in the Oak Road reception area (department 3). Open Monday to Friday. Opening times can vary, so please ring to check before making a special journey - **0161 446 8100**.

The Christie at Oldham - **0161 918 7745**

The Christie at Salford - **0161 918 7804**

Maggie's Centres

The centres provide a full programme of free practical and emotional support, including psychological support, benefits advice, nutrition and head care workshops, relaxation and stress management.

Maggie's Manchester: Tel: **0161 641 4848** or email manchester@maggiescentres.org

Maggie's Oldham: Tel: **0161 989 0550** or email oldham@maggiescentres.org

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 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

The specialist upper gastrointestinal (GI) nursing service

The service is provided by a team of highly qualified and experienced nurses. They have specialist knowledge and skills in the care and support of patients with upper GI cancer.

The upper GI nursing service provides a key worker for patients who attend The Christie for treatment. A key worker is a point of contact for patients throughout their cancer treatment and follow-up.

Through the key worker, The Christie upper GI nursing service provides a link with other key workers and health care professionals at your referring hospital, as well as your GP and community nurses.

The service provides:

- specialist nursing assessment and advice about problems you may be experiencing due to your disease or the treatment
- comprehensive information about your type of cancer, treatment options, side effects and follow up care
- time to talk through the information you have been given and discuss any concerns
- support for you and your family or carers
- a point of contact when you have questions or concerns between hospital visits.



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If you feel unwell, you have symptoms of an infection or your temperature is 37.5°C or above, or below 36°C contact The Christie Hotline straight away.

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Who are the clinical nurse specialists?

The upper GI clinical nurse specialists are experienced nurses who specialise in the care and support of people with cancers that affect the stomach and oesophagus (gullet). These are the organs in the upper half of the gastrointestinal tract (gut).

How to contact the clinical nurse specialists

Clinical nurse specialists:

Vikki Owen-Holt (not Tuesday)
Esther McQueenie
Sarah Tillott

Telephone: **0161 956 1073**
(Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm)

Who can contact the nurse specialist service?

Any patient coming for assessment or treatment for upper GI 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.

Other contacts:

To discuss chemotherapy appointments please call:
0161 918 7606 / 7610 / 7653 or 7652

To discuss clinic appointments contact your consultant's secretary:

Dr Bhatt **0161 446 8580**
Dr Hubner **0161 446 8199**
Prof Mansoor **0161 446 3209**
Dr Radhakrishna **0161 446 3820**
Dr Sheikh **0161 446 3223**
Dr Waddell **0161 918 7217**

Although you will be allocated a named consultant, it is not possible for them to review you at every clinic attendance. When you have telephone or face-to-face follow-up clinic appointments, you will be reviewed by other members of the upper GI team including junior doctors or nurse clinicians.

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 upper GI cancer research and has specialist knowledge of new drugs and clinical trials.

Other information

Macmillan Cancer Support

Provides a wide range of support for people affected by cancer. This includes up-to-date, expert information as well as practical, emotional and financial support. Call **0808 808 0000** or visit **www.macmillan.org.uk**

Cancer Research UK

If you have any questions about cancer, call the cancer nurses on freephone **808 0800 4040**. Cancer information is available in 170 languages via an interpreter.