

- Rock My Menopause www.rockmymenopause.com
- The Eve Appeal www.eveappeal.org.uk
- Target Ovarian Cancer www.targetovarian.org.uk
- LGBT cancer support alliance (see their Facebook page)
- Peaches Womb Cancer Trust www.peachestrust.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, 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

The specialist gynaecology nursing service

Our gynaecology cancer nursing service is offered by a team who have specialist knowledge and skills in both women's health and cancer treatments.

The nursing service will provide:

- ongoing advice and support for patients, their partners, and families
- information and advice about treatment and treatment options
- a point of contact
- a link with other health care professionals involved in your care at home and in hospital
- advice about the menopause, HRT and alternatives
- discussion about fertility options (if appropriate)
- advice on sexual and relationship issues
- referral to specialist services, such as the sexual rehabilitation clinic, menopause clinic, lymphoedema clinic and specialist counselling service

Please contact the nursing service if you have any worries or concerns.

They are always happy to talk to you. Working hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. If there is no answer, please leave a message and they will call you back.

Your key worker is:

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The specialist gynaecology nursing service

The specialist gynaecology nursing service supports patients under the Gynae Medical Oncology, Gynae Clinical Oncology and Gynae Surgical Oncology services.

You will be provided with an additional leaflet detailing the contact numbers for your specific team - please do contact your nursing team if you have any worries or concerns as they are always happy to talk to you.

If you feel unwell, particularly if you have recently had surgery or treatment, or are currently on chemotherapy or radiotherapy, then please contact The Christie hotline on **0161 446 3658** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). They will usually update your CNS team if you have contacted them.

There are a variety of members of the nursing team, such as clinical nurse specialists (CNS), nurse clinician's and advanced clinical practitioners (ACPs) who you may see during your treatment.

Clinical nurse specialists (CNS)

As key workers, our CNSs have specialist knowledge and experience in women's health and cancer care. They maintain close links with the CNSs at your local hospital to ensure continuity of your care.

Nurse clinicians/advanced clinical practitioners (ACPs)

You may see a nurse clinician or ACP who is an experienced nurse. They have advanced training and education to allow them to carry out their role. You will have access to a clinical nurse specialist or nurse clinician from diagnosis and throughout your treatment. Nurse clinicians work on the wards and in the outpatient clinics.

How to access the service

Any patient coming for assessment or treatment for gynaecological cancer at The Christie will be given the contact details of the nursing team, we will try to meet you at your first appointment. If, for any reason this is not possible, you can contact the nursing service on the numbers provided.

Appointment queries

If you have any appointment queries, please contact your consultant's secretary. They can help assist you with this. You can find their contact details on your team specific contact sheet.

Useful contacts

- Visit one of The Christie cancer information centres:
Withington (department 3) or call **0161 446 8100** or **8107**
The Christie at Oldham **0161 918 7745**
The Christie at Salford **0161 918 7804**
The Christie at Macclesfield **0161 956 1704**
- Macmillan Cancer Support Freephone: **0800 808 0000**
- Cancer Research UK - if English is not your first language, you can speak to a nurse through a qualified interpreter. Tel: **0808 800 4040**
- Ovacom - national ovarian support group. Tel: **0800 008 7054**
www.ovacom.org.uk
- Menopause Matters www.menopausematters.co.uk