

Your multidisciplinary team (MDT) for skin cancer

Cancer Services
Information for Patients

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The multidisciplinary team (MDT)

The team of health professionals looking after you is known as the multidisciplinary team, or MDT.

Healthcare professionals who may be part of your MDT:

Consultant and/or Doctor in charge - the doctor in charge of your care, an experienced specialist in his or her field.

Oncologist - a doctor who specialises in the treatment of cancer.

Radiologist - a doctor who understands and interprets any scans or x-rays you have had.

Plastic surgeon - a doctor who specialises in surgery of the skin and lymph nodes.

Dermatologist - a doctor who specialises in cancer of the skin and other skin conditions.

Histopathologist - a doctor that uses specialised equipment to examine any tissue removed during biopsy. This enables the team to diagnosis the type and extent of the problem and also helps when planning further treatment that may be required.

Clinical nurse specialist (CNS) (also known as your key worker) - can provide support, advice and information about your cancer. He or she can explain the treatments available to you and can discuss any concerns you may have. The CNS will act as a link between you and the rest of the team, continuing to support you before, during and after your treatment.

MDT co-ordinator - an administrator who ensures the smooth running of the MDT meetings.

Other members of your health care team may also be present at the MDT meeting, for example, a dietitian, occupational therapist, physiotherapist or member of the palliative care team might be involved in the meeting.

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What happens at an MDT meeting?

The MDT is there to ensure that each patient is given the same high standard of care, and has the most appropriate investigations and treatment, no matter who their GP is or which hospital they attend.

During the meeting, your healthcare team will look at your medical notes and any relevant tests, scans etc that you have had. As a team, they will decide on the best treatment plan for you, based on the results of these tests, taking into account the type of cancer you have, your general health and any other relevant issues. Your team may decide that you need to have further tests or be referred to other members of the healthcare team.

How will I find out the result of the MDT meeting?

A member of the team will discuss your treatment plan with you. This will usually be at your out-patient appointment, or may be by telephone, if you have agreed to being contacted by telephone.

Your GP will be informed of the MDT discussion by letter.

Sources of information and support

Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists (Key workers)

Telephone: 0116 258 6170 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Cancer Information and Support Centre: Osborne Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary, LE1 5WW. Staff will provide you with the information you need, or signpost you to help and support available locally and nationally.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Telephone: 0116 258 6189 Email: cancerinfo@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Website: www.leicestershospitals.nhs.uk/cancerinfo3

Macmillan Cancer Support: For information and support from cancer support specialists.

Freephone: 0808 808 00 00 Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer Research UK: Specialist nurses providing a confidential service.

Freephone: 0808 800 4040 Website: www.cancerhelp.org.uk

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