The Skin Oncology Team – Advanced Skin Cancer

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We understand that having skin cancer can be very difficult for you and your family. There may be many issues you would like to discuss and the Skin Oncology Team will always do their best to answer your questions. This leaflet gives you information on the team members and also tells you how to get in touch with the specialist nurses.

**Macmillan clinical nurse specialists**

We routinely see any patient with skin cancer at any stage of their illness. Our role is to provide help, information and support to you and your family.

We will be your main point of contact, your ‘key worker’, at the hospital. Our role includes:

- Providing information about skin cancer and the treatments that may be available to you
- Communicating with your GP and community nursing services as appropriate
- Putting you in touch with other professionals for advice or support. For example regarding dressings after surgery, benefits advice, symptom relief or emotional support

We may see you in the outpatient departments or on the wards at the hospital. If you are attending an appointment and wish to see a member of the nursing team, please contact us beforehand and we will do our best to meet with you.

We can also speak with you on the telephone or by email. With your permission we can also speak with your family.

**Holistic needs assessment**

Often, patients with cancer don’t raise issues important to them with their doctors or nurses.

These issues might include:

- Symptoms and physical concerns. You may feel anxious about your illness or about the changes in your body
- Feelings and emotions (you may feel low or worried)
- Money worries. You may want to know if there is any financial help available to you
• Difficulty with relationships. It may be about the relationships you have with your friends, the role you have within your family or intimacy issues you have with your partner

• Other concerns

Your doctor or nurse should give you time to talk about your concerns, however you can ask for a discussion at any time which suits you. This discussion may be called a holistic needs assessment (HNA). If you would like to know more about this please speak to one of the Macmillan nurses.

Our contact details

• Clair McGarr
• Donna Begg

Telephone: 0121 371 5111

We usually work Monday–Friday but our working hours vary from day-to-day. An answer machine is always available if we are not in the office – please leave a message with your name and contact number and we will return your call either that day or the next working day.

Email

• clair.mcgarr@uhb.nhs.uk
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Address

Room 53,
1st Floor, East Block,
Heritage Building (original Queen Elizabeth Hospital),
Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham B15 2TH.

To enquire about an appointment please contact the consultant’s secretary on the following numbers:

Dr Ghafoor – 0121 371 3570  Dr Watkins – 0121 371 3573
Dr Steven – 0121 371 3614

If you are concerned about symptoms or side effects of treatment please contact the red card line on 07789 651 543
The Skin Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team:

**Dermatologists and secretary phone numbers**

Dr Gazzani – 0121 371 5121  
Dr Martin-Clavijo – 0121 371 5124  
Dr F Shah – 0121 371 5126  
Dr Kaushal – 0121 371 5120  
Dr S Rajpar – 0121 371 5121  
Dr S Velangi – 0121 371 5126

**Plastic surgeons and secretary numbers**

Mr Baden – 0121 371 4892  
Mr Kok – 0121 371 4887/4868  
Mr Singh – 0121 371 4887  
Mr White – 0121 371 4889  
Mr Evriviades – 0121 371 4892  
Mr Rayatt – 0121 371 4862  
Mr Vijh – 0121 371 4868

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**Advanced skin cancer clinical nurse specialists**

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**Surgical skin cancer clinical nurse specialists**

Telephone: 0121 371 6777  
Helen Williams – helen.williams@uhb.nhs.uk  
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Other doctors and nurses not listed above will also be involved in your care.

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