The Skin Oncology Team

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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.

The Skin Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team

Dermatologists and secretary phone numbers
Dr F Shah – 0121 371 5126        Dr Gazzani – 0121 371 5121
Dr Kaushal – 0121 371 5120        Dr Martin-Clavijo – 0121 371 5124
Dr Bader – 0121 371 5121        Dr S Velangi – 0121 371 5126

Plastic Surgeons and secretary numbers
Mr Baden – 0121 371 4892        Mr Evriviades – 0121 371 4892
Mr Kok – 0121 371 4887/4868        Mr Rayatt – 0121 371 4889
Mr Singh – 0121 371 4887        Mr Vijh – 0121 371 4868
Mr White – 0121 371 4889        Mr Jagadeesan – 0121 371 4887
Mr Filobbos – 0121 371 4894

Oncologists and secretary phone numbers
Dr Ghafoor – 0121 371 3570       Dr Steven – 0121 371 3614
Dr Watkins – 0121371 3573

Clinical Nurse Specialists – Tel: 0121 371 6777
Helen Williams – helen.williams@uhb.nhs.uk
Samantha Adams – samantha.adams@uhb.nhs.uk

Advanced skin cancer clinical nurse specialists – Tel: 0121 371 5111
Donna Begg – donna.begg@uhb.nhs.uk
Andrea Mason - andrea.mason@uhb.nhs.uk
Lakhbir Dhanda - lakhbir.dhanda@uhb.nhs.uk

Other doctors and nurses not listed above will also be involved in your care.
Our contact details

- Helen Williams
- Samantha Adams

Telephone: 0121 371 6777

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, hospital number or date of birth, and contact number and we will return your call either that day or the next working day.

Email:
- helen.williams@uhb.nhs.uk
- samantha.adams@uhb.nhs.uk

Address:
Room 41, 1st Floor, East Block,
Heritage Building, Mindelsohn Way,
Birmingham B15 2TH.

To enquire about an appointment or surgical date please contact the consultant’s secretary.

If you require dressings or are concerned about your wound please contact the appropriate department below to arrange an appointment.

Dermatology dressings appointments 0121 371 5469
Plastic surgery dressing appointments 0121 371 5472