



The Skin Lymphoma Team

We understand that having skin lymphoma can be very difficult for you and your family. There may be many issues you would like to discuss and the Skin Lymphoma 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

The role of Macmillan nurses has changed over recent years. We will now routinely see any patient with skin lymphoma 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 lymphoma 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 specifically 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 nurses.

Our contact details:

The Skin Lymphoma team are easily contactable Monday to Friday. An answer machine is always available to leave a message. Please leave your name, hospital number and contact number and one of the nurses will return your call the same day or the next working day.

Clinical Nurse Specialists

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The Skin Lymphoma Multi-Disciplinary Team:

Dermatologists

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Dr Amirtha Rajasekaran
Dr Bethanie Rooke
Dr Farida Shah

Haematologist

Dr Duncan Murray
Dr Sridhar Chaganti
Dr Bernard Maybury

Oncologists

Dr Andrea Stevens
Dr Usha Alluri

Research Nurse

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

Please note: Clinic appointments are held in Dermatology Outpatient Area 4 or the Centre for Rare Disease, Heritage Building – please check your appointment letter for the correct clinic location.

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