

# The Skin Oncology Team

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.

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## Information for Patients

# The Skin Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team

## Dermatologists and secretary phone numbers

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Mr Baden - 0121 371 4892

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Mr White - 0121 371 4889 Mr Jagadeesan - 0121 371 4887 Mr Filobbos - 0121 371 4894 Mr Vermaak - 0121 371 4892

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## Our contact details

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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:

Kira. Yates@uhb.nhs.uk Samantha.adams@uhb.nhs.uk

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

# **Pre-Assessment Screening**

0121 371 5639

If you require this information in another format, such as a different language, large print, braille or audio version please ask a member of staff or email patientexperience@uhb.nhs.uk.

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