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# The Gynaecology Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

An information guide



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The MDT is a team of experts with different skills and training who diagnose and treat cancer. They all play a significant part in supporting you and your family during and after your treatment. These people include:

**The Gynaecology Oncology Surgeon** - A specialist who can assess gynaecological problems and diagnose primary (when your cancer is first diagnosed) and recurrent (if your cancer comes back) cancers. Once your condition has been diagnosed, we will discuss the best possible way to treat it. This may involve an operation or other procedures to remove the cancerous cells. You will be informed of the surgery results.

**The Gynaecological Cancer Nurse Specialist/(GCNS) Key Worker** - A nurse who is skilled in caring for people with gynaecological cancer and can provide information and support along with advice on practical issues and problems associated with your treatment.

A GCNS will be assigned to be your key worker, co-ordinating your treatment; whilst under the care of your gynaecological oncology surgeon. If your hospital does not provide a GCNS, you will be assigned a key worker and their contact details to discuss any concerns you might have.

**The Radiologist** - A doctor who is specially trained to interpret X-ray, CT, MRI and special scans. A diagnosis is then made from these.

**The Gynaecological Nurse Practitioner** - A nurse who has skills in assessing your suitability for surgery. They will see you prior to surgery to ensure a safe post-operative recovery.

**The Pathologist** - A doctor who looks at cancer cells under a microscope. They work out how the cells might behave, in order to guide decisions on treatment.

**The Oncologist** - A doctor who is an expert on non-surgical treatments for cancer. A clinical oncologist specialises in radiotherapy (treatment with targeted x-rays), but may also have experience in chemotherapy and hormone therapy (treatment with drugs eg tablets or a drip). A medical oncologist specialises in chemotherapy and hormone therapy.

**Research Nurse** - This nurse identifies patients who are eligible for research studies. They provide you and your family with information on research, co-ordinate your treatment and offer you support.

**You come first** - Everyone in the MDT meets on a regular basis. Your case will be discussed to ensure that all appropriate choices for your treatment are considered. All choices will be explained to you. You will be given verbal and written information to support your decision.

**Any questions?** - If you are worried about anything, please contact your gynaecological cancer nurse specialist or your key worker.

**Your Macmillan Gynaecology Cancer Nurse Specialist is:**

**Name:** .....

**Contact Telephone Number:** 0161 778 5670

An answerphone is available. All messages are responded to as soon as possible.

**Additional information-** If you are diagnosed as having cancer, then you may require chemotherapy or radiotherapy which takes place at the Christie Hospital in Manchester. Sometimes, the doctors who work at Christies also hold clinics at your local hospital to discuss treatment and follow you up after your treatment.

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