

Your lung multidisciplinary team (MDT) and key worker

An information guide



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What is the lung cancer multi-disciplinary team (MDT)?

Diagnosing and treating lung cancers requires a team of experts who work to ensure that patients with lung cancer receive the most appropriate treatment and the support they need.

Your case will be discussed at an MDT meeting. The lung cancer MDT meets weekly to discuss diagnosis and individual treatment plans, and decide what the best options are for you. These will then be discussed with you so that the plan for your treatment can be agreed.

The members of the lung cancer MDT are:

Consultant Chest Physician/Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP)

A doctor/nurse who specialises in chest disease and who may carry out tests to diagnose lung cancer such as bronchoscopy (camera test) or lung biopsy. You may have had one of these tests already or you may need to have one in the future.

Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurses (Key Worker)

Nurses who are specially trained to support and care for patients with lung cancer/mesothelioma, and their carers.

Consultant Thoracic Surgeon

A doctor who specialises in lung surgery who may carry out further tests on your lungs, explain your treatment and carry out operations to remove cancer from the lungs.

Radiologist

A doctor who is an expert in looking at x-rays and special scans, to help make a diagnosis.

Pathologist

A doctor who is an expert in looking at cancer cells under a microscope and working out how they might behave.

Oncologist

A doctor based at The Christie or Wythenshawe hospital who is an expert in deciding which drugs or other treatments will be the best for treating your type of cancer. They may specialise in drug treatment (chemotherapy) or radiation treatment (radiotherapy).

Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Nurses

Nurses who are specially trained in palliative care. They aim to help you and your family to achieve the best quality of life, including managing symptoms and providing emotional support.

Macmillan Assistant Practitioner in Lung Cancer

Is a trained practitioner, specialising in lung cancer, who provides telephone triage, holistic and rehabilitation support and advice to patients (and their carers).

Lung Pathway Navigators

A team of health professionals, who can tell you when and where your appointments are going to be. They can also arrange transport to appointments for you if needed.

They can be contacted on: 0161 918 4883

You come first

We want to make sure you are confident about your treatment plan, that's why we hope you will want to talk to us and tell us what is important for you. We will always tell you everything we know about your cancer and explain what treatment we think is best for you.

Any questions?

One of the Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurses listed below will be your named Key Worker.

If you are worried or there is something you do not understand your Key Worker is there to help. They are your first point of contact if you need to contact any member of the MDT.

They are available 8.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday and an answer phone is available. You may need to leave a message at busy periods.

Messages will be responded to as quickly as possible, although this may not be the same day. If your Key Worker is not available any of the nurses will be happy to help you.

Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurses Team:

Fairfield General Hospital

Carol Telford: 0161 778 2693 (Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse)

Lesley Valentine: 0161 918 8583 (Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse)

Yasmin Hamden: 0161 778 3789 (Macmillan Associate Specialist Nurse)

Gemma Kennedy: 0161 778 2693 (Macmillan Assistant Practitioner in Lung Cancer)

North Manchester General Hospital

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Lucy Milner: 0161 604 5814 (Macmillan Associate Specialist Nurse)

Karen Whiteside: 0161 604 5814 (Macmillan Assistant Practitioner in Lung Cancer)

The Royal Oldham Hospital

Amanda Dand: 0161 627 8527 (Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse)

Chrissie Charlesworth: 0161 778 5481 (Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse)

Zoe Nichol: 0161 656 1943 (Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse)

Gaynor Smethurst: 0161 778 5481 (Macmillan Assistant Practitioner in Lung Cancer)

Additional information

At some point during your treatment you may need to visit other hospitals. This may be the main Christie hospital, or the Christie at Salford or Christie at Oldham, Wythenshawe hospital or Manchester Royal Infirmary. If this is the case you may be allocated a Key Worker at the hospitals you go to, who will then be your main contact, but the nurses here will still try to help you.

What can the Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurses do for you?

Emotional support

Dealing with lung cancer may raise lots of questions and concerns. The Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse can support you and explore these feelings.

Information about lung cancer

The Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse can answer any questions you may have about your illness and provide you with written information.

Discussion about your treatment and care

The Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse can discuss and explain any treatment or care that may be offered to you.

Controlling symptoms

The Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse can help you with any symptoms you may experience.

Contact with other staff

The Macmillan Lung Cancer Specialist Nurse will listen and plan with you how to meet your needs and with your permission will talk and work alongside others who are caring for you.

Useful contact details

Your Key Worker can also give you an information guide with details of useful contacts.

Permanent Record

Your diagnosis:

Your treatment plan:

Please use this page to write down any questions you might want to ask your doctor or the Macmillan Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist, and bring this leaflet with you to your next appointment. You can also use it to write down any appointments you have been given.

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service

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