Clinical Nurse Specialists and the Multi-disciplinary Team

Skin Cancer Nurse

A clinical nurse specialist in skin cancer is a trained registered nurse who has undertaken extra specialist education in the care of skin cancer patients. The skin cancer nurse may also be known as your **Key Worker.**

A Key Worker is someone who is the link between you and all the other people involved in your care and is the main hospital contact person for you during specific parts of your treatment.

The person who is your key worker may change depending on your treatment and where you are receiving your care at a particular time.

The Role of the skin cancer nurse

This is a nurse who can provide information and support for you and your family throughout your care. The nurse will be experienced in helping patients that have skin cancer and will work with the team to co-ordinate your care. For some people with skin cancer the treatment is simple and getting back to normal afterwards is relatively straightforward. However, we aim to offer every patient an assessment with us (or the Leeds team if you have been referred there) so that we can find out as much as possible about your individual concerns. This is called a **Holistic needs assessment.** If you feel that you would benefit from a Holistic needs assessment or if you would simply like to discuss any issues that may be of concern to you, then please do not hesitate to contact your Key worker.

Calderdale Royal Hospital	Tel: 01422 357171
Huddersfield Royal Infirmary	Tel: 01484 342000

Who can refer?

- General practitioners
- Self referrals
- Other consultants
- Physiotherapists
- Other Trusts
- Private sector
- Out patient department staff
- Other professionals
- Families/carers
- Hospices
- Statutory voluntary services

People who are involved in your care

Every specialty needs a team of experts to offer the best treatment available. This is called a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). The team is made up of people who are experts in cancer in different ways. There are people who can understand what cancer cells look like and how they behave and other experts who specialise in surgery to get the best outcomes for you.

There are many people in the team looking after you as an individual.

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The role of the MDT

Your MDT meets every two weeks. Your case will be discussed by the team when you are diagnosed so that we can plan your treatment. In addition, we will discuss your case again when your surgery is complete to ensure that the skin cancer has been adequately treated and to plan your follow up. If you develop any evidence of recurrence or further new lesions throughout your follow up these will also be bought to the meeting by one of the professionals in your team in order to discuss and make a further plan of action.

Members of the MDT

Consultant Dermatologist

This is a senior doctor who specialises in treating patient with different types of skin problems including skin cancer. The dermatology doctors in the team are:

Dr Z Nie
Dr Bedi

Consultant Surgeons

Surgeons are hospital doctors who are experts in surgery to correct damage to the skin and removal of skin lesions including skin cancer. The surgeon you see will be an expert in treating skin cancer in a particular area of the body. Your surgeon may be a Plastic surgeon, a Maxillo-Facial surgeon or an Ophthalmologist if your skin cancer is near your eye for example.

Plastics Surgeons include:

Mr Akhtar
Ms Carbone
Mr Tan

Maxillofacial Surgeons include:

Mr Paul Chambers
Mr David Sutton
Mr Siddique
Mr Ahad

Ocular Plastic Surgeons include:

Mr Gbemi Oworu
Miss Ruby Lagnado

Pathologist

This doctor is an expert in looking at cancer cells under the microscope and details how they are behaving for the MDT to make a decision regarding your treatment plans.

The doctor in our team is:
Dr Richard Knights

Skin Cancer Nurse Consultant/ Clinical Nurse Specialist

These nurses can provide information and support for you and your family throughout your care. The nurse will be experienced in helping patients that have skin cancer and will work with the team to co-ordinate your care. In addition, it is likely that your follow up will be provided by the nurse consultant or specialist nurse.

Nurse members include:

Lesley Green (Nurse Consultant) Tel: 01484 343374
email: **lesley.green@cht.nhs.uk**

Jayne Oates (Nurse Consultant) Tel: 01484 343376
email: **jayne.oates@cht.nhs.uk**

Natalie Macdonald (Specialist Nurse) Tel: 01484 343375
email: **natalie.macdonald@cht.nhs.uk**

Other specialists

Sometimes your treatment will mean that you need to attend another hospital. Occasionally we may need to ask the Leeds team to see you for specialist advice and therefore you may see a Surgeon or Dermatologist at St James Hospital or Chapel Allerton Hospital in Leeds. If you need radiotherapy, that treatment is only available at St James Hospital Leeds. We may be able to arrange transport to these hospitals.

Depending on your treatment plan, you may meet other professional and specialists needed in your care. These can include District Nurses, Radiographers, Sonographers (Ultrasound), Lymphodema Specialist Nurses, Benefits Advice, Counselling and other Macmillan Nurses.

Your Skin Cancer team

Consultant Dermatologist or Nurse Consultant

Name: Contact number:

Consultant Surgeon

Name:

Specialty: Contact number:

Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse

Name: Contact number:

Key Worker

Name: Contact number:

If you have any questions or do not understand anything you have heard or been told, please contact either your named Specialist Nurse or the Consultant who is managing your care.

Other useful numbers:

Dermatology department	01422 224154
Plastic surgery department	01484 355397/347313
Maxillofacial surgery department	01484 342548
Ophthalmology	01484 343221
Appointment line	Freephone 08000 158222, Local rate 01484 355370

Macmillan Information Centre

When you are affected by cancer, having the right kind of information at the right time is essential.

If you have concerns about:

- Finance
- Feel that family members need support.
- Need emotional support
- Or have any practical issues at home.

The Jayne Garforth Cancer Information Centre in the Macmillian unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital and The Cancer Information Resource Room within the Greenlea Unit at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary provide a confidential, drop-in service for anyone affected by cancer. We also offer referral to other support services.

For more information please contact:

Helen Jones or Mandy Davies
Macmillian Information Manager / Deputy Manager
Macmillian Unit, Calderdale Royal Hospital - 01422 222709
Greenlea Unit, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary - 01484 343614
Mobile: 07554415564
Email: **helen.jones@cht.nhs.uk** or **mandy.davies@cht.nhs.uk**

Other useful addresses:

British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) (Patient information)
http://www.bad.org.uk/for-the-public

Melanoma UK Tel: 0808 171 2455
http://www.melanomauk.org.uk/

Cancer Research UK (CRUK) Tel: 0808 800 4040
http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/skin-cancer

Macmillan Cancer Support: 0808 808 0000
www.macmillian.org.uk

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

The Macmillan Unit
Calderdale Royal Hospital
Telephone No: (01422) 222700
or
Natalie Macdonald
Skin Care Specialist Nurse
Telephone No: (01484) 343375

www.cht.nhs.uk

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

Potřebujete-li tyto informace v jiném formátu nebo jazyce, obraťte se prosím na výše uvedené oddělení

Jeżeli są Państwo zainteresowani otrzymaniem tych informacji w innym formacie lub wersji językowej, prosimy skontaktować się z nami, korzystając z ww. danych kontaktowych

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