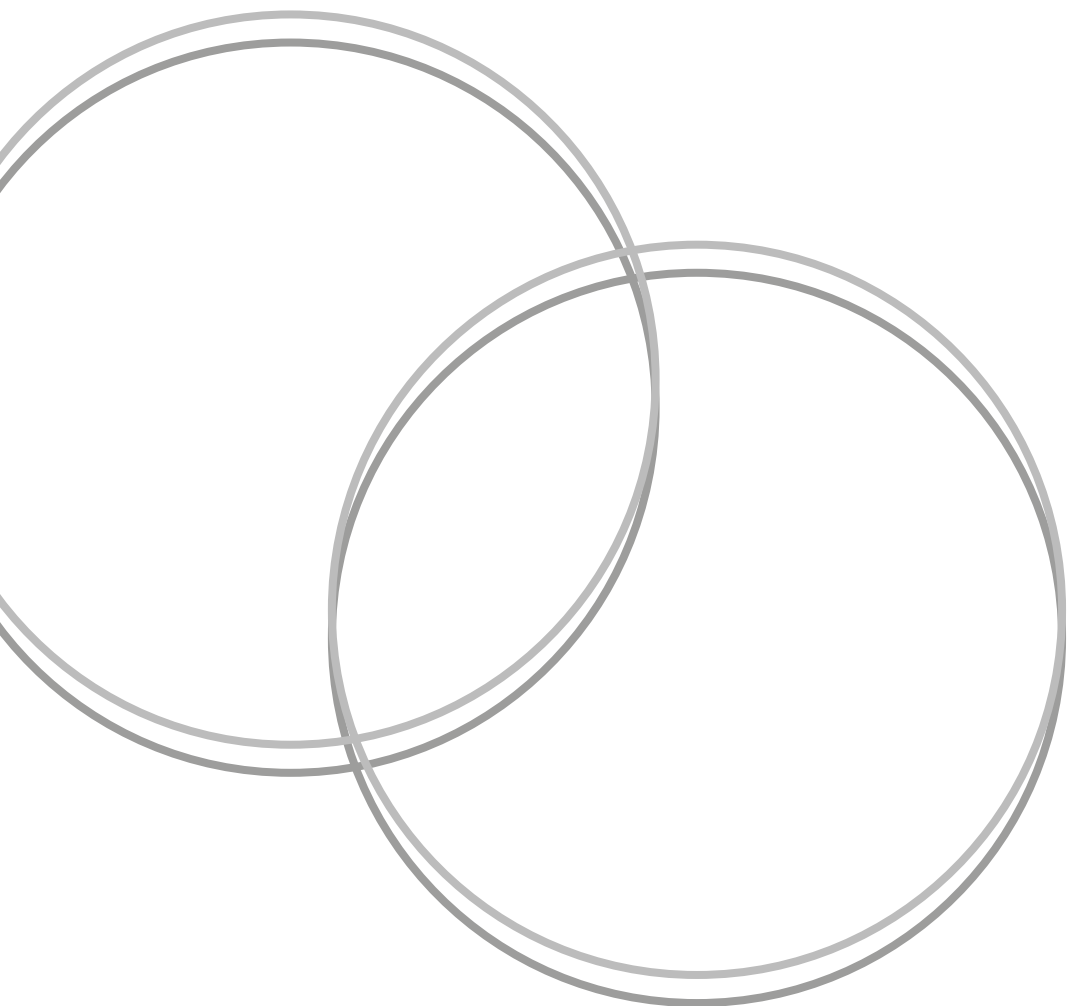




Oxford University Hospitals
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Cancers of the Pancreas, Liver and Hepatobiliary Tract

Information about your care



Introduction

This information leaflet has been designed to give you information about the people who will be involved in your care.

You will be looked after by the Hepatobiliary Cancer Multi-disciplinary Team at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. We hope that this leaflet will be a source of information and help for you.

The Hepatobiliary Cancer Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The Hepatobiliary Cancer Multi-disciplinary Team is made up of a group of healthcare professionals who have a specialist interest, knowledge and expertise in the management of patients with cancers of the pancreas, liver, gallbladder and biliary tract.

The team is made up of:

Specialist Surgeons –

who specialise in surgery of the pancreas, liver, gallbladder and biliary tract.

Specialist Oncologists –

who specialise in cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Pathologists –

who examine samples such as biopsies to look for particular cancer cell types.

Radiologists –

who perform and interpret X-rays, CT, PET and MRI scans.

Specialist Nurses –

who may offer particular treatments such as placing stents, microwave ablations or taking biopsies

Dietitians –

who will support your health through food and nutrition.

Multi-Disciplinary Co-ordinator –

who co-ordinates Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings and 'tracks' your care.

The MDT Meeting

The MDT meets every Monday morning. Your case will be discussed when you reach important points with your diagnosis and treatment. The MDT will discuss your case history, X-ray images and pathology results (from studying biopsies), together with any other relevant information. As a team, they will work out an appropriate plan for your treatment or care. This plan will be discussed with you over the telephone, at an appointment in clinic, or on the ward.

Senior Specialist Nurse or Specialist Nurse

Senior Specialist Nurse and Specialist Nurse are senior nurses who work as core members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

The Specialist Nurses have specific knowledge and experience of patients with a cancer of the pancreas, liver or biliary tract. They also have specialist knowledge of the treatments that you may be offered.

The Specialist Nurses work closely with the members of the MDT involved in your care. They are also able to put you in contact with other members of the team, such as the doctors, dietitians, palliative care team and other health professionals.

You will also be assigned a key-worker.

What is a key-worker?

Your key-worker will be your main point of contact with the hospital. Your key-worker is involved in co-ordinating your care. The role is often carried out by the Specialist Nurse, but if your needs change you may be supported by another member of the MDT.

The key-worker attends the weekly Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting to discuss your care. They can act as a link for you to hear about what was discussed at the meeting.

How can we help?

The Specialist Nurses aim to offer you and your carers a point of contact for information, support and advice during any investigations, treatment and care.

They can offer and discuss information about:

- your diagnosis
- investigations and treatment options
- advice on physical and emotional symptoms
- any other issues, concerns or comments you may wish to raise including the option to complete an Holistic Needs Assessment
- links with doctors or other health care professionals.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Specialist Nurses if you need advice about your condition or treatment.

How can you contact us?

The Specialist Nurses can be contacted on the numbers listed below. You can either contact them by telephone (you may need to leave a message with the secretary or on the answerphone) or by using the hospital bleep system.

Churchill Hospital:

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Tel: **01865 741 841** – Please ask to Bleep **1386** or **1891**

You can also leave a message on **01865 235 130**

or email us on **ouh-tr.hpbspecialistnurseteam@nhs.net**

Further information

There are many ways about finding out information about cancer and possible treatments. People who are affected by cancer often need information to help them to make informed decisions about their condition, treatment and to help them plan for their future.

The Specialist Nurses have access to a range of written national and local information leaflets. The Maggie's Cancer Information Centre also provides valuable sources of information.

Information can be found on the internet, but should always be read in relation to what you have been told by the cancer specialists. Please feel welcome to discuss specific questions with your cancer specialist or Specialist Nurse.

You will also be offered the opportunity to complete a Holistic Needs Assessment to help identify any concerns you may have be they physical, emotional, practical, financial and spiritual. If wished, we can provide you with a personalised care and support plan to address the concerns you have highlighted

Maggie's Cancer Information Centre,

Churchill Hospital, Oxford

Tel: **01865 751 882**

Website: www.maggiescentres.org

Maggie's CancerLinks

Website: <http://cancerlinks.maggiescentres.org/>

Macmillan Cancer Support

Tel: **0808 808 00 00** Living with Cancer

Tel: **0808 800 1234** Cancer types and treatments

Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

Free Prescriptions

ALL PATIENTS WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER ARE ENTITLED TO FREE PRESCRIPTIONS

(Please speak to your Doctor or Specialist Nurse for details.)

Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

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