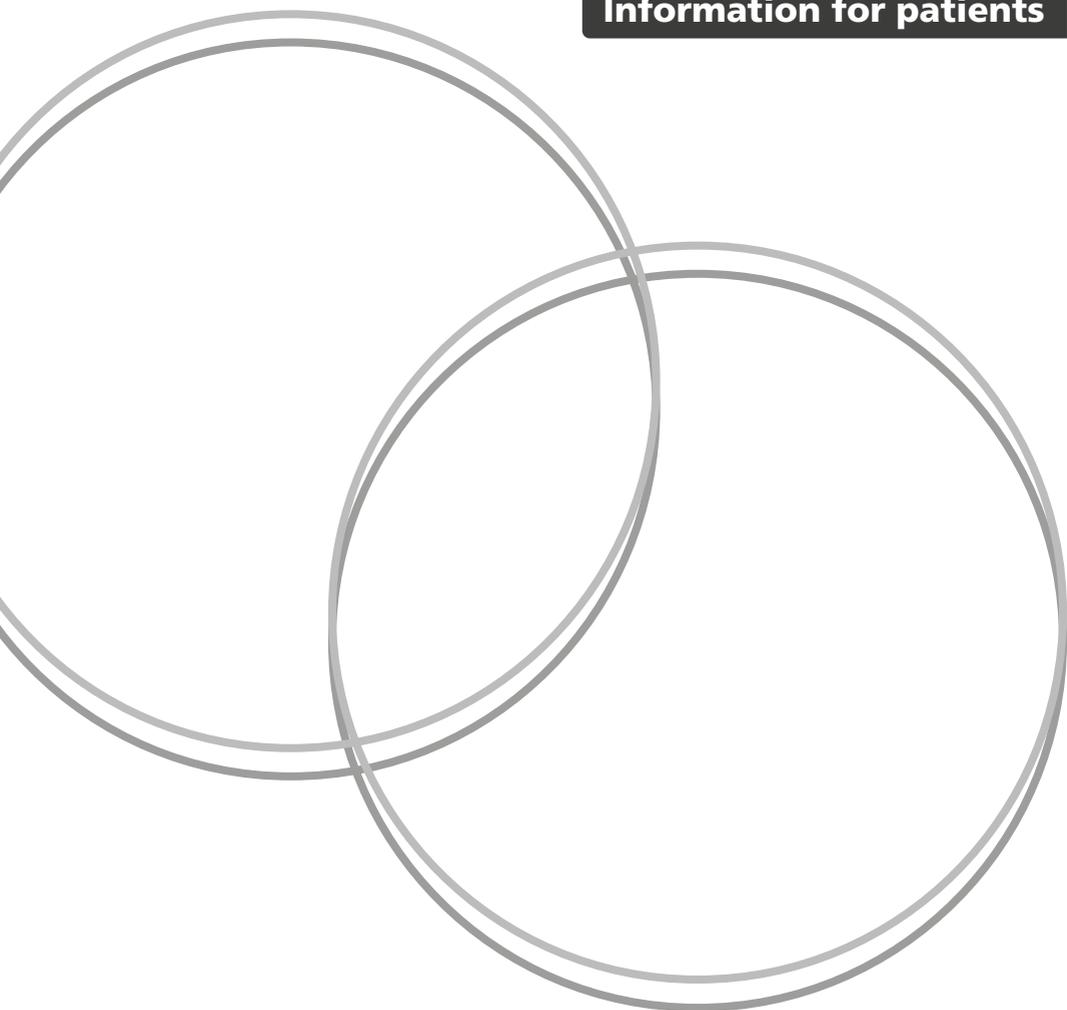




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# The Role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Skin Cancers

Information for patients





This leaflet describes the role of the Skin Cancer Specialist Nursing Team the Clinical Nurse Specialists for skin cancers.

## **What does the Clinical Nurse Specialist do?**

We are able to offer extra support, advice and guidance to people who have skin cancer anywhere on their body.

Our Team has extensive knowledge and experience, and work as part of The Multidisciplinary Care Team, offering advice and support to people with skin cancer at any stage in their illness. The Nurses can act as a useful link between other team members within the hospital, community, as well as at home.

We use Macmillan's Electronic Needs Assessment (eHNA) at [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk) to identify your needs; ask your Specialist Nurse for more information.

## **How to contact the Skin Cancer Nursing Team**

Telephone: 01865 228 233

Email: [skincancer.specialistnurses@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:skincancer.specialistnurses@ouh.nhs.uk)

Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4.00pm

(There is an answer phone, and we aim to return your call within 48hrs.)

These contact details are not for emergencies. If the matter is urgent and you are at home, please contact your GP, out of hours service, or your nearest Accident and Emergency department.

### **Key worker**

Whilst you are being cared for at the Churchill, John Radcliffe or the Horton Hospital, the Clinical Nurse Specialist will act as your key worker.

This role is important, as your key worker will be the main person involved in co-ordinating your care and arranging things for you.

# How can the Clinical Nurse Specialist help you?

The nursing team may be able to help you in a variety of ways. They can offer:

## **Support**

Sometimes it can help to just talk things through.

## **Information**

Many people find that knowing more information eases their worries. For example, you may want to know more about:

- Diagnosis.
- Surgery.
- Coping with a changed appearance.
- Radiotherapy.
- Systemic Anti-Cancer Treatment.
- Financial resources.
- Sign posting to community and extended support.

## Other useful numbers

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Provides support to people affected by cancer.

Telephone: 0808 808 0000

Website: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

Macmillan /Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau Benefits Advice  
This service is based at the Churchill Hospital at the Maggie's Centre and also at the Horton Hospital. The service can offer advice and support to people affected by cancer and their families about benefit issues and money worries.

Telephone: 01865 957 828

Email: [macmillan@citizensadviceoxford.org.uk](mailto:macmillan@citizensadviceoxford.org.uk)

### **Maggie's Cancer Information Centre**

This Centre is based at the Churchill Hospital and provides information, guidance and support to anyone affected by cancer.

Telephone: 01865 227 083

Website: [www.maggies.org/our-centres/maggies-oxford](http://www.maggies.org/our-centres/maggies-oxford)

### **Melanoma Focus**

Provides a confidential, free service available to anyone in the UK. They are experienced in talking to people with melanoma and are expert in providing information and support for patients and those who care for them.

Telephone: 0808 801 0777

Websites: [www.melanomafocus.org](http://www.melanomafocus.org)

### **British Association of Dermatologists**

Website: [www.bad.org.uk/patient-information-leaflets](http://www.bad.org.uk/patient-information-leaflets)

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## 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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