



Oxford University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Gynae Oncology Services

Information for patients



Introduction

This leaflet is about the people who will look after you during your care – the Gynae Oncology Cancer Multidisciplinary Team at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The Gynae Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

We are a group of healthcare professionals with a specialist interest, knowledge and expertise in the care of patients with a gynaecological cancer.

Our team includes the following.

- **Specialist Surgeons** – specialise in treating cancer with surgery.
- **Specialist Medical Oncologists / Clinical Oncologists** – specialise in treating cancer with chemotherapy (systemic anti-cancer therapies) and radiotherapy.
- **Pathologists** – interpret and diagnose the changes caused by disease in tissues and body fluids.
- **Radiologists** – specialise in diagnosing and treating disease, using medical imaging techniques such as X-rays, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear medicine, positron emission tomography (PET), fusion imaging and ultrasound.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) / Key Workers** – provide expert advice related to specific cancer conditions or treatment pathways.
- **MDT Coordinator** – coordinates the administration of our work.

MDT Meeting

We meet every Monday afternoon. We discuss your individual case at important points in your care, such as diagnosis, after surgery, or after chemotherapy or radiotherapy.

We discuss your case history, scan images, pathology results and any other relevant information and work out an appropriate plan for your treatment or care. We will discuss this with you in clinic, on the ward or occasionally over the telephone.

Clinical Nurse Specialists/Key Workers

Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) are senior nurses who work as core members of our team.

They have specific specialist knowledge and experience of patients diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer.

They work closely with members of the team involved in your care, such as the surgeons, medical oncologists and clinical oncologists, and liaise closely with other healthcare professionals who may be looking after you.

A CNS will be your Key Worker – your main point of contact with the hospital – and will support you through your cancer pathway.

They can offer information, support and advice about investigations and treatment at any stage of your care, for example:

- support for your relatives or carers
- advice about physical symptoms such as pain, nausea or fatigue
- advice about surgery or other treatments such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- advice about financial support
- symptom control
- advice and support when living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis.

Your Clinical Nurse Specialist/Key Worker is:

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Contact us

CNS/Key Worker

Tel: **01865 235 355**

Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm

Email: **gynaeoncologyCNS@ouh.nhs.uk**

(Please do not use email for urgent advice)

If we cannot take your call please leave the following information on the answerphone.

- **Name**
- **MRN**
- **Date of birth**
- **Your telephone number**
- **Brief message**

We aim to return calls on the same day if possible or on the next working day

YOUR CARE PLAN/Next steps

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|-----------------|
| Diagnosis |
| Stage |
| Grade |
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 3 |
| 4 |
| 5 |
| 6 |

Free prescriptions

- All patients with a diagnosis of cancer are entitled to free prescriptions.
- Please ask your GP or Key Worker to complete the FP92A application form.

Other useful contacts

We will give you a list of our current team members and their contact details.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Tel: **0808 808 00 00**

Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

Maggie's Oxford

Tel: **01865 751 882**

Website: www.maggiescentres.org/oxford

Sobell House Services

Tel: **01865 225 860**

Website: <https://sobellhouse.org>

The Hummingbird Cancer Support (Bicester)

Tel: **01869 244 244**

Website: www.thehummingbirdcentre.org.uk

Here for Health – tailored information for patients (Oxford University Hospitals)

Tel: **01865 222 958**

Website: www.ouh.nhs.uk/hereforhealth

Further Information

If you need an interpreter or would like this information leaflet in another format, such as Easy Read, large print, Braille, audio, electronically or another language, please speak to the department where you are being seen. You will find their contact details on your appointment letter.

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