

Gynaecology Oncology Specialist Nurse Service

Women's Unit Patient Information



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Our Four Values:

People Centred

Positive

Compassion

Excellence

It is estimated that one in three people born in the UK will develop cancer at some time in their life. If this happens you may experience a range of powerful emotions such as fear, anger, helplessness and depression. You may wonder how you and your family will cope with the diagnosis, treatment and side-effects including your own emotional, physical, spiritual, psychological and practical needs.



Support will be provided throughout your cancer journey by a specialist nurse.

What is the role of the Specialist Nurse?

This is a nurse who specialises in the care and support of women who are diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer and their families.

She is a member of the healthcare team, working with other professionals involved in your care. The service provides continuous information and support for women and their families from diagnosis onwards. The areas covered are:-

- Surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Chemotherapy
- Psychosexual Issues
- HRT and menopause information
- Lymphoedema
- Finance
- Support Agencies
- Local and National support groups
- Palliative Care

You will expect to meet your Specialist Nurse:

- At the out-patient gynaecology clinic.
- At the out-patient oncology clinic.
- On the ward if you are an in-patient.

If you or a member of your family would like any further information or wishes to talk about what happens next, you can contact the Gynaecology Oncology Specialist Nurse by telephoning her at the hospital.

Please contact:

Gynaecology Oncology Clinical Specialist Nurse

Debbie Curwen

Tel: 01253 953129

or

**Contact through the hospital switchboard
01253 300000**

Ask them to bleep 844

Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

Email: deborah.curwen@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk

Support Groups

Ovacome - a nationwide support group for people affected by ovarian cancer

Tel: 07071 781961

Website: <http://www.ovacome.org.uk>

Jos Trust - dedicated to women with cervical cancer

Tel: 01327 361787

Website: www.jostrust.co.uk

Daisy Network - premature menopause

PO box 392

High Wycombe

Buckinghamshire

HP15 7SH

Website: www.daisynetwork.org.uk

Cancervive - for cancer patients

Blackpool Jackie - 01253 357424

Preston Colin - 01772 705465

Vine House - day care centre, offering advice and information

Tel: 01772 793344

22 Cromwell Road

Ribbleton

Preston

PR2 6YB

Cancer Bacup - information and support about all aspects of cancer

Tel: 0800 800 1234

Macmillan Cancer Support

Tel: 0800 800 0000

Useful contact details

Support groups continued...

Target Ovarian Cancer

Tel: 020 7923 5470

Trinity Hospice

Tel: 01253 595552

Hospital Switchboard: **01253 300000**

Patient Relations Department

The Patient Relations Department offer impartial advice and deal with any concerns or complaints the Trust receives. You can contact them via:

Tel: **01253 955589**

email: **patient.relations@bfwh.nhs.uk**

You can also write to us at:

Patient Relations Department, Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Whinney Heys Road, Blackpool FY3 8NR

Further information is available on our website:

www.bfwh.nhs.uk

References

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