

Patient Information

Information for patients living with Haematological Malignancies

Introduction

We would like to introduce you to the Multidisciplinary Team for Haematology in East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. We are a specialist cancer unit, part of the Sussex Cancer Network and work closely with Kings College Hospital in London.

Who are the Multidisciplinary Team?

The team consists of Haematologists and their team, Radiologists, Histopathologists, Clinical Oncologists, Specialist Nurses and other Health care professionals who all have specialist training and experience in the diagnosis, care and treatment of haematological cancers.

How do we work?

The Multidisciplinary Team meets fortnightly to discuss individual patient treatment and care. We work closely together to plan and deliver the most effective treatment and care for each individual patient. This is done in consultation with the patient and their family and occurs at each stage of care. If there is anything about your care and treatment that you do not understand please don't be afraid to ask. We are all here to help. Decisions from the meeting are discussed with the patients by the Consultant and the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS).

Research

You may receive information on available research for clinical trials, which you could be involved with. Entry into trials is voluntary and a decision not to enter a trial will not prejudice your clinical care. The trial nurses will be available to discuss these treatment options with you.

Your care and treatment

We will respect your privacy and dignity. We will be sensitive to and respect your religious, spiritual and cultural needs at all times.

Someone to talk to

The diagnosis and subsequent treatment of a haematological cancer often has a major emotional effect on people. The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) will act as your key worker from your diagnosis until you are discharged back to the care of your GP. The CNS will provide supportive care and advice and information about your particular type of cancer. You will be provided with their contact details, if you, or your family, need any further advice or support or have any questions or queries. They are able to provide information on where to get advice on financial issues and put you in touch with various organisations and societies.

Where will my treatment be given?

Our two district general hospitals, Conquest hospital and Eastbourne DGH each have a day unit where outpatient treatments are administered.

At Conquest Hospital this is the McCartney Day Unit and at Eastbourne DGH this is the Pevensy Day Unit. The McCartney Day Unit is co-ordinated by Sister Gail Pottinger and

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currently deputised by Sister Caroline Bishop. The Pevensey Day Unit is co-ordinated by Charge Nurse Russell Langley. Most inpatient treatments are given on Pevensey Ward at Eastbourne DGH. Inpatient and Outpatient services are managed by Senior Sister Jean Baulcomb.

Members of the Multi-disciplinary Team

Consultant Haematologists

Dr Judy Beard
Dr Richard Grace
Dr Simon Weston-Smith
Dr Satyajit Sahu

Clinical Oncologist

Dr Joanna Simpson

Histopathologist

Dr Keith Ramesar

Radiologists

Dr Jill Watson
Dr Rosie Guy
Dr Ian Crundwell

Haemato/Oncology Units Managers

Senior Sister Jean Baulcomb
Sister Gail Pottinger
Sister Caroline Bishop

Clinical Nurse Specialists/Key Worker

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Lead Cancer Services Pharmacist

Neville Sharma

Sources of information

Sussex Cancer Network

Prestamex House
171-173 Preston Road
Brighton
East Sussex BN1 6QZ
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Important information

The information in this leaflet is for guidance purposes only and is not provided to replace professional clinical advice from a qualified practitioner.

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Your comments

We are always interested to hear your views about our leaflets. If you have any comments please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) – details below.

Hand hygiene

The trust is committed to maintaining a clean, safe environment. Hand hygiene is very important in controlling infection. Alcohol gel is widely available at the patient bedside for staff use and at the entrance of each clinical area for visitors to clean their hands before and after entering.

Other formats

This information is available in alternative formats such as large print or electronically on request. Interpreters can also be booked. Please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) offices, found in the main reception areas:

Conquest Hospital

Email: palsh@esht.nhs.uk - Telephone: **01424 758090**

Eastbourne District General Hospital

Email: palse@esht.nhs.uk - Telephone: **01323 435886**

After reading this information are there any questions you would like to ask? Please list below and ask your nurse or doctor.

Reference

The following clinicians have been consulted and agreed this patient information:
The Haematology Multidisciplinary Team

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