

Haemato-Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team

The multi-disciplinary team (MDT) is a group of doctors and other health professionals with expertise in cancer, who discuss and manage your care. They review your medical history and discuss results of your diagnostic tests to ensure that an accurate diagnosis is agreed. They plan the treatment that's best for you.

The Team is responsible for:

- Deciding if any further tests are necessary
- Discussing your treatment options
- Making appropriate referrals to specialist services
- Ensuring your holistic needs are considered.

The team includes:

Consultant Haematologist

A doctor who specialises in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers and bone marrow disorders. This consultant may organise your tests, look at blood and bone marrow tests and prescribe treatment, which may include chemotherapy.

Consultant Radiologist

A doctor who views pictures and images from machines such as X-ray and Computerised Tomography (CT) to determine the precise location and extent of cancer in the body.

Consultant Histopathologist

A doctor who looks in detail at tissue samples to determine a diagnosis.



Consultant Oncologist

A doctor skilled in non-surgical forms of cancer treatment, including radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Palliative Care Specialist

A doctor or nurse who specialises in alleviating symptoms (not curing) and provides support and information to patients and their families.

MDT Co-ordinator

Ensures that information about your care plan is provided to a meeting between consultants and other relevant health care professionals in order to help co-ordinate your care.

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)/Key Worker

A nurse who specialises in the care of patients with cancer and bone marrow disorders. Your CNS/Key Worker provides:

- Advice and support to patients with cancer, their relatives, carers and friends
- Help with physical symptoms such as pain, fatigue or nausea
- Advice about treatments such as radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery
- Information about your illness
- Advice on your continued care at home
- Advice on relationships, fertility or sexual problems
- Advice and help on how to manage financial problems
- Someone to talk to about worries or problems.

The CNS works closely with hospital nurses, doctors and other health care professionals to maximise the independence, dignity and quality of life of people suffering from cancer. You may see them when a diagnosis of cancer is given, when you are on the ward, whilst having surgery, chemotherapy treatment or at your outpatient appointments.

Key worker:

Tel No: 01302 642883.

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If a member of the team is unable to answer your call, please leave a message with your contact details and they will telephone you back as soon as possible.

How do I find out the outcome of the MDT meeting?

The recommendations will be discussed with you at an appointment with the doctor so you can discuss the treatment and management of your condition. You may receive a telephone call from the Clinical Nurse Specialist if further tests are recommended.

Permanent record of consultation

You will be offered a copy of the GP letter as a record or summary of your consultation with the doctor where your diagnosis, treatment options and follow up (discharge) arrangements are discussed. If you would prefer not to receive this information please inform your consultant.

Research /clinical trials

We are committed to looking into new ways to prevent, manage and treat diseases. Research is a way of gaining new knowledge and is important as it helps us to make better decisions and improves treatments and services.

Clinical trials are medical research studies involving people. Doctors use them to assess any new treatment before it can be made available to patients more widely. Clinical trials show whether new treatments are safe, what their side effects are and whether they're better than what's currently used.

By participating in research you may feel as though you are taking a more active role in your healthcare. You will also be helping others, and possibly yourself, by helping to identify more effective treatments.

The team may contact you and offer you the choice to participate in a research trial if appropriate. However, you do have the right to refuse, and this will not affect the care that you receive.

Further Support

Living Well Information & Support Service

St John's Information Centre

Tickhill Road Site

Balby

Doncaster

DN4 8JS.

Telephone 01302 796853.

Aurora Wellbeing Centre

The Old Library

Memorial Avenue

Worksop

S80 2BP.

Telephone 03000 111202 (Freephone)

Patient Advice and Liaison Service

The team are available to help with any concerns/complaints you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email.

The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 642764 or 0800 028 8059

Email: dbth.pals.dbh@nhs.net

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