

Patient Information - An introduction to the Multidisciplinary Team for Gynaecological Cancer Care

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Gynaecology Cancer Services

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Introduction

We would like to introduce the multidisciplinary team for Gynaecology Cancer Care at

Darent Valley Hospital. We are a specialist cancer unit and part of the Kent Cancer Network and we work closely with the oncology centre in Maidstone. Most surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy takes place at the Maidstone oncology centre. Follow-up care, support and treatment may occur at Darent Valley Hospital.

Who are the Multidisciplinary Team?

The multidisciplinary team is made up of surgeons, nurses, oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, radiographers and a co-ordinator, they all have specialist experience and training in diagnosing and treating Gynaecological cancers.

What is our function?

Working with you we hope to provide you with information, advice and support throughout and after your treatment. This treatment may involve investigations, surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or a combination of these treatments.

How do we work?

At your first visit you would normally be seen by a doctor who will discuss your symptoms and the results or any early investigations. Following this, further investigations or treatment will be planned. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to take away written information. The multidisciplinary team meets weekly to discuss individual patient treatment and care.

Care and treatment

We will respect your privacy and dignity, and will be sensitive to and respect your spiritual and cultural needs at all times. You will be treated fairly at all times regardless of age, disability or sexuality.

Research

The gynaecological cancer team is an active member of the Kent & Medway Cancer

Research Network. This aims to improve treatment for all gynaecological cancer sufferers.

You will be given information regarding any relevant clinical trials and a Clinical Trials Practitioner will support you in making your decision as to whether you wish to participate or not.

Members of the Multidisciplinary Team

Co-ordinator

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Gynaecologists

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Dr L Kviat

Dr A Synowiec

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Dr S Humphries

Dr L Turner

Histopathologist

Dr M Coutts

Dr Gary Rushton

Macmillan Gynae-Oncology CNS

Samantha Daniels

Leanne Warren

01322 428 100 and Ask for Bleep 650 or Extension 4783

Comments and suggestions

Our aim is to deliver a high quality standard of care and we would welcome any comments or suggestions regarding the service that you have received.

Please see the leaflet "Your Opinion Counts" for further information on how to do this.

Patient Advocacy Liaison Service

This service is provided by PALS and aims to improve the hospital experience for both patients and visitors. For more information please contact 01322 428382 between 9am and 5pm. There is a 24 hour answer service.

Your personal information

Information is kept in accordance with the Trust data protection policy.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Provides practical advice and support for cancer patients, their families and carers.

Specialist nurses provide high quality, up to date information on their freephone helpline.

You can also access information on all aspects of cancer by visiting their website.

Freephone: 0808 808 0000

Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

This leaflet has been developed in partnership with the Patient Information Group and our DGT Patient Partners

Patient Information

Further patient leaflets are available from the Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust website: <https://www.dgt.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/patient-information-leaflets> Please ask a member of staff if you require information in another language or format.

Complaints, Comments, Concerns and Compliments

Please speak to the staff in the ward or department caring for you if you have any concerns or questions relating to your care or that of a loved one.

Compliments can be shared by visiting: <https://www.dgt.nhs.uk/contact-us/compliments>

Alternatively, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01322 428382 Email: dgn-tr.PALS@nhs.net

Patient Property

Please do not bring large sums of money or valuable items into the hospital. Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal property unless it is handed into Trust staff for safe-keeping.

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust operate smoke-free hospitals. This means that smoking is not permitted anywhere on hospital grounds. For help to quit smoking please visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/one-you-smokefree/

Use of alcohol or illicit drugs is not permitted anywhere on the hospital site. For drug and alcohol support please speak to your nurse or doctor or

Visit: www.changegrowlive.org/westkent/help

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