

Dermatology Department

Information For You: Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Skin cancer)

Consultant:

Macmillan Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists:

UIHCW Coventry and Rugby : 024 7696 6085

George Elliot hospital 02476 865455

Dermatology Department numbers: UHCW: 024 7696 6313
Hospital of St Cross: 01788 663249

You and your family may require further information on your condition, possible treatments and information about living with cancer. This information sheet aims to signpost you to staff and services that can give you this further information. The last page will allow your doctor or nurse to write about the appointment you have had today and future plans if these are required.

The following information is available from your Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist or doctor

Your Care:

- Your Key worker and the Skin Cancer Team
- Looking after your skin

Condition and treatments:

- Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Lymph node dissection
- Chemotherapy

Emotional issues:

- Talking about your cancer
- Emotional effects of cancer
- Talking to children about cancer

Practical issues:

- Travel and cancer
- Work and cancer



Patient Information

Social care issues:

- Carers information
- Social services information
- Other charities contact details

Hospital Information contacts

Macmillan Cancer Information Centre: 024 7696 6052
Ground Floor, Main Entrance, University Hospital, Coventry.

National information sources:

If you cannot access the internet, please contact the Macmillan Cancer Information Centre or the Health Information Centre, where they will help you obtain the relevant information.

Benefits Line

Freephone: 0800 88 22 00

Lines open Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 6.30pm and Saturday 9.00am -1.00pm

Cancer Research UK: 0300 123 1022

Speak to a Nurse: 0808 800 4040

www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/

Changing Faces

Telephone: 0300 012 0275

www.changingfaces.org.uk/Home

Let's Face It - Support Network

Telephone: 01843 833724

www.lets-face-it.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support

Freephone: 0808 808 00 00

Lines open Monday - Friday 9.00am – 8.00pm

www.macmillan.org.uk

SCIN & MARCS Line

Telephone: 01722 415 071

www.canceradvice.co.uk/support-groups/wessex-cancer-trusts-marcs-line/

Skin Cancer Research Fund

Telephone: 0117 340 3130

<http://skin-cancer-research-fund.org.uk/about>

The British Association of Skin Camouflage Telephone 01625 971 129

www.skin-camouflage.net

Patient Information

Free prescriptions

All cancer patients since April 2009 are entitled to free prescriptions, please ask your nurse, doctor or pharmacist about this.

Hospital car parking

All patients and family members please ask a member of staff if you are entitled to free or concessionary car parking rates.

Patient Appointment Record

Date:

The following summary explains what has been discussed with you today.

The main points were:

- The results of your biopsy. The lesion on your skin has cancerous cells within it and has been diagnosed as a squamous cell carcinoma.
- Further tests or scans to be requested.
- Your treatment, which is
- When your treatment is likely to start
- The possible side effects of the treatment
- Follow up appointments
- Looking after your skin
- Other

Doctors or nurses signature

Questions

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Patient Information

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If you want more detail about your appointment you may request a copy of the letter that your consultant will send to your GP.

Both you and your family can write down questions you may have that your doctor or nurses are happy to answer.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 6085 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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