

Dermatology Department

Information For You: Malignant Melanoma (Skin Cancer)

Type: Stage:

Consultant:

Macmillan Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists:

UHCW in Coventry and Rugby 024 7696 6085

George Eliott 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 on living with cancer. This information leaflet 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 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:

- Malignant melanoma
- Surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Lymph node dissection
- Chemotherapy
- Clinical Research Trials

Emotional issues:

- Talking about your cancer
- Emotional effects of cancer



Patient Information

- Talking to children about cancer

Practical issues:

- Travel and cancer
- Finance
- Work and cancer

Social care issues:

- Carers information
- Social services information

Hospital Information contacts

Cancer Information Centre: Ground Floor, Main Entrance, Telephone: 024 7696 6052

Arden Cancer Centre Information Point: Telephone: 024 7696 7290

This is based in the Arden Cancer Centre.

National information sources:

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

Cancer Research UK: Freephone: 0300 123 1022 / www.cancerresearchuk.org/

Changing faces: Telephone: 0300 012 0275 / www.changingfaces.org.uk/Home

Citizens Advice Bureau (Coventry): Telephone: 024 7625 2052

Citizens Advice Bureau (Rugby): Telephone: 01788 541000

Let's Face It - Support Network: Telephone: 01843 833724 / www.lets-face-it.org.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support: Freephone: on 0808 808 00 00 / www.macmillan.org.uk

Lines open Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 8.00pm

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: 01254 703 107

www.skin-camouflage.net

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 Information

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 contains cancerous cells and has been diagnosed as a Malignant melanoma.

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- Further Tests and Investigations
- Your treatment is: Surgery
Other:
- When your treatment is likely to start in the Dermatology / Plastic Surgery Department.
- The possible side effects of the treatment (additional information to be given)
- Follow up appointments
- Looking after your skin
- Other

Doctors or nurses signature

Questions

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.

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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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