

Dermatology

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



Patient Information

- Looking after your skin

Condition and treatments:

- Malignant melanoma
- Surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Lymph node dissection
- Chemotherapy
- Understanding cancer research trials

Emotional issues:

- Talking about your cancer and feelings
- How are you feeling? emotional effects of cancer
- Talking to children and teenagers when an adult has cancer

Practical issues:

- Travel and cancer
- Finance
- Work and cancer

Social care issues:

- Carers information
- Social services information

Hospital Information contacts

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

National information sources:

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

Patient Information

Benefits: Please speak to the Macmillan Cancer Information centre

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

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

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

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

SKCIN: Telephone: 01722 415 071

[Skcin - The Karen Clifford Melanoma & Skin Cancer Charity](http://www.skcin.org.uk)

The British Association of Skin Camouflage: Telephone: 01254 703 107
<https://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

Patient Information

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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