

Dermatology

Malignant Melanoma (skin cancer)

Type: **Stage:**

Consultant:

Macmillan skin cancer nurse specialists:

Covering Coventry, Rugby and Nuneaton 024 7696 6085

Dermatology department numbers

UHCW Reception: 024 7696 6313

Hospital of St Cross: 01788 663249

George Eliot Hospital reception: 02476-153885/153934

You and your family may need more information on your condition, possible treatments and guidance about living with cancer. This leaflet is designed to direct you to staff and services that can give you this further information. The last page offers space for your doctor or nurse to write details of today's appointment and any 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



Patient Information

Condition and treatments:

- Malignant melanoma
- Surgery
- Sentinel lymph node biopsy
- Lymph node dissection
- Chemotherapy
- Understanding cancer research trials

Emotional issues:

- Talking about your cancer and feelings
- “How are you feeling?” The 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 University Hospital, Coventry.

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 line: Please speak to the Macmillan cancer information centre

Cancer Research UK: Freephone: 0300 123 1022 /

www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/

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 - The Karen Clifford Melanoma & Skin Cancer Charity

Telephone: 01722 415 071

<https://www.skcin.org/>

Free prescriptions

Since April 2009, all cancer patients are entitled to free prescriptions. Please ask your nurse, doctor or pharmacist for more information regarding 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.

The breslow thickness (root depth) of this is.....

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 require further information, a letter of your consultation should be sent to you and your GP. If you do not receive this letter, please ask the skin cancer nursing team who will be able to help.

You and your family are encouraged to write down any questions you may have and your doctor or nurses will be happy to answer them.

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