

Oncology

Cancer of the Unknown Primary (CUP) Team

The CUP Team

The cancer of unknown primary team includes:

- Oncologists
- Specialists Nurses
- Histopathologist
- Radiologist
- MDT Co-ordinator

The team work together to provide support and advice to patients with a diagnosis of Cancer of an Unknown Primary (often referred to as CUP) which affects about 3-5% of people with cancer.

The team aim to provide care which is appropriate for each individual patient

Due to the uncertain nature of unknown primaries, a variety of investigations may be required and it may be necessary to see more than one specialist.

For this reason the CUP team meet on a regular basis to discuss all patients, with a view to recommending the appropriate treatment plan for each individual patient.

Following the meeting the decisions made are then discussed with you and your relatives, in an out-patient setting (if appropriate).

You will be allocated a key worker (usually a nurse) who will play a co-ordinating role in supporting you. Their aim is to provide specialist advice and support for patients and their carers from diagnosis onwards.

Support includes:

- Information about your diagnosis
- Treatment options
- Symptom control
- Links with the community teams
- Ongoing support.



Patient Information

Other sources of information & support:

Macmillan Cancer Information Centre 024 7696 6052

We offer free support, practical advice and information to anyone affected by cancer. No appointments are required. The service open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm (not bank holidays) and is located in the main entrance.

Macmillan and Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) 024 7625 2050

Coventry CAB provide sessions **by appointment** at University Hospital for cancer patients who need help or advice relating to benefits and finance. Please telephone the number above to make an appointment.

Macmillan Cancer Support 0808 808 00 00

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 8.00pm

www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer of Unknown Primary Foundation (Jo's Friends) www.cupfoundjo.org

A support organisation providing a good balance of accessible help for patients and carers with a CUP diagnosis.

Further Information

If you have a query or need any further information about the CUP team please contact the clinical nurse specialist on 024 7696 5530.

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

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