

## Oncology

# Macmillan clinical nurse specialist - cancer of the unknown primary (CUP)

There are many different kinds of nurses involved in cancer care including the clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

Clinical nurse specialists have undertaken specialist training in cancer and its management. Some CNS's are funded by the charity Macmillan Cancer Support, which is the case for the cancer of unknown primary (CUP) CNS.

## What does the Macmillan Cancer of the Unknown Primary CNS do?

They offer support, information, advice, and guidance to patients with a confirmed diagnosis of cancer of unknown primary, as well as those currently being investigated for possible cancer of unknown primary.

“Cancer of the unknown primary” is a term used when cancer has spread but health care professionals are not sure where it started.

All patients with cancer should have access to a CNS. They are usually present with the consultant when a diagnosis of cancer is given.

The CNS works closely with hospital nurses, doctors, and other health care professionals to maximise the independence, dignity, and quality of life of people suffering from cancer. They also liaise closely with community carers and family doctors (GPs) to make sure you get the highest quality of care at home.



## Patient Information

You may see the CNS when you are on the ward, whilst having surgery, radiotherapy, or chemotherapy treatment, or at your outpatient appointments.

Contact details for the CUP CNS are listed below. You can contact them by telephone between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Your Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist is Hollie Mower.

Contact Details: Tel. 024 7696 5497

## What the Macmillan CUP CNS can offer you

- A contact point for people with CUP at any stage
- Advice and support for you, your relatives, carers and friends
- Advice about treatments
- Information about your illness
- Advice on your care at home
- Someone to talk to about worries or problems
- Advice on how to manage financial problems
- Be a link between yourself and your medical team
- Advice on managing symptoms and side-effects

## Useful websites

Cancer of Unknown Primary Foundation (Jo's Friends)

[www.cupfoundjo.org](http://www.cupfoundjo.org)

Macmillan Cancer Support: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

## Macmillan Cancer Information Centre – 024 7696 6052

Information and support based at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire. Cancer Information is a free service, which provides information about all aspects of cancer as well as emotional support. The

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service is based on the ground floor near the main entrance and is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, please contact 024 7696 5530 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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