

Local Cancer Support Groups

Patient Information



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Local support groups offer emotional support and practical information to anyone affected by cancer. Please note due to the Covid -19 pandemic support groups are not running. Please contact groups for individual updates

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| <p>Breast Cancer Support Group Established group. Welcomes new members. Informal setting. Companionship and support from other people affected by breast cancer. Advice from Specialist Breast Care Nurses.</p> | <p>Mercure Oak Hotel, River Way, Wigan, WN1 3SS</p> | <p>Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm New patients phone Breast Care Nurse prior to attending as usually no meeting in August and January</p> | <p>Breast Care Nurses Catherine Jackson Susan Whittle 01942 774720 Not currently running.</p> |
| <p>Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Group for Patients Families and Friends</p> | <p>Scotsman's Flash, Poolstock Lane, Wigan, WN3 5BA</p> | <p>Runs from April – June each Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm</p> | <p>Breast Care Nurses Catherine Jackson 01942 774720 Or 01942 774720</p> |
| <p>Breast Cancer Support Group Have you or do you know someone who has suffered or is suffering from Breast Cancer? Do you want support and to network with others who have gone through this? Friendly and informal group. Come in for a cuppa and a chat.</p> | <p>YMCA, Hilton Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 8PD</p> | <p>Last Monday of every month 11:00am to 1:00pm No bank holidays</p> | <p>Joyce Gorman Joyce.gorman@ymcaashton.org 01942 274684 Last Monday of the month 10.45am-1.15pm</p> |

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| <p>Upper Gastro Intestinal Support Group Established group. Open to patients affected by an upper GI cancer and their families within the Wigan borough. Informal friendly well attended meeting, always welcome new members, support, advice, guest speakers, raffle, and refreshments.</p> | <p>St Peters Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 3DN</p> | <p>Bi-Monthly on a Monday Combined meeting with Head and Neck Group</p> | <p>Contact Upper Gastrointestinal Clinical Nurse Specialist Christine Peel or Ann Anderton 01942 773459</p> <p>Group now running, please contact specialist nurses for dates.</p> |
| <p>Head and Neck Support Group Open to anyone living within the Wigan Borough Mutual support for patients and families affected by head and neck cancer. Guest speakers, raffle, and refreshments.</p> | <p>St Peters Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 3DN</p> | <p>Bi-Monthly</p> | <p>Contact Clinical Nurse Specialist Cath Cameron 01942 773144 or 07825722353</p> <p>Not currently running.</p> |
| <p>Wigan Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Support Group Offers the opportunity to share experiences and meet other people affected by lung cancer. All lung patients, relatives, or carers welcome.</p> | <p>Tesco Community Room, Central Park Way Wigan, WN1 1XS</p> | <p>Last Thursday of the month at 3:00pm</p> | <p>Contact Clinical Nurse Specialist Venencia Sibanda 01942 822260 Or Joy Pearson / Lee Worrall 01942 822843</p> <p>Not currently running</p> |

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| <p>Gynaecological Cancer-Support Group Open to any lady affected by a gynaecological cancer in the Greater Manchester area. Meet other ladies, develop friendships, and gain mutual support. Informal setting, specialist advice and support from Clinical Nurse Specialists.</p> | <p>Tesco Community Room, Central Park Way, Wigan WN1 1XS</p> | <p>Last Wednesday of alternate months 3-4pm</p> | <p>Contact Clinical Nurse Specialist Karen Blackwood or Joanne Knight 01942 264778</p> <p>Not currently running.</p> |
| <p>Colorectal and Stoma Support Group Meet colorectal and stoma specialist nurses and fellow patients to share experiences and help each other in a friendly, supportive environment.</p> | <p>Tesco Community Room, Central Park Way, Wigan WN1 1XS and Tesco Community Room, Cross Street, Hindley WN2 3AT</p> | <p>3rd Thursday of the month 6pm – 7.30pm</p> <p>Wigan – Sept; Jan; May.</p> <p>Hindley Nov March, June</p> | <p>Please contact colorectal nurses on 01942 822884 for more details</p> <p>Not currently running</p> |
| <p>Walk and Talk Support Group Generic support group for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends, and carers.</p> | <p>Menses Park Wigan WN1 1TU</p> | <p>First Thursday of the month. 1:00pm to 3:00pm Weather permitting. Dates vary.</p> | <p>Contact Mariesha Underwood 01942 822760 / 01942 774620 for dates.</p> |

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| <p>Haematology Support Group</p> | <p>Online</p> | <p>Via zoom bi-monthly</p> | <p>Contact Karen 07710 393 891 Free phone 0808 808 5555</p> <p>https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-you/online-support-meetings.</p> |
| <p>Urological Cancer Support Group</p> <p>Are you, or has anyone you know been affected by Urological cancers?</p> <p>Come for a chat, share your thoughts with people who have or who have had Bladder, Kidney, Prostate or Testicular cancer</p> | <p>Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club 180 Vauxhall Rd Wigan WN1 3LU</p> | <p>Dates vary please contact Wendy Paul or Emma</p> | <p>Contact Clinical Nurse specialists Wendy Kinsey or Paul Higham or Support Worker Emma Kelly 01942 264991</p> <p>Not currently running</p> |

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The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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