

Upper Gastro-Intestinal Support Groups

Patient Information

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Introduction

Having a diagnosis of cancer can be a difficult time. It can mean a lot of investigations and lengthy treatments. Whilst your doctors, nurses and dietitians will support you through this time, we appreciate it can be very helpful to talk to someone else who is going through or has gone through the same process.

You may be fortunate enough to be able to access a Support Group in your area. However, it may be that your hospital is unable to provide a group at the current time, or perhaps it may be more convenient to access a group in another area. Please feel free to contact a group to see if this is possible.

This leaflet provides a list of Support Groups, the times the meetings are held, and contact numbers to find out more. All these groups are supported by Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) Clinical Nurse Specialists, and sometimes other professionals are present during the meetings.

The Support Groups cannot be used instead of the regular clinic appointments that you have with your own doctors and nurse.

Rochdale

South Chadderton Methodist Church, Thompson Lane, Chadderton OL9 8LX

First Tuesday of month 4pm to 6:30 pm

Informal chat with other patients

Telephone: 01706 517463

Salford

Mayo Building, Salford Royal Hospital M6 8HD

Every other month, Wednesday 6am to 8pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Telephone: 0161 206 5062

Trafford

Macmillan Wellbeing Centre, Moorside Road, Davyhulme, Manchester, M41 5SN.

Bi-monthly on a Friday, 11am-1pm

Phone- 0161 2765960

Wigan

St Peters Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley WN2 3DN

Monday Afternoon, Every other month 1pm to 3pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Phone: 01942 773459

Stockport

Pinewood Education Centre, Stepping Hill Hospital SK2 7JE

Every other month – day and time varies

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Phone: 0161 419 4662

Wythenshawe

Education & Research Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital M23 9LT

Last Wednesday every other month at 7am to 9pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Phone: 0161 291 2547

Oldham/ Pennine

Maggie's Oldham, The Sir Norman Stoller Building, The Royal Oldham Hospital,
Rochdale Road, Oldham OL1 2JH

Every Month, Thursdays 1:30- 2:30pm

Contact Jeanette O'Reilly HPB & UGI Cancer support worker

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Comments, Compliments or Complaints

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.

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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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