

Please do not hesitate to contact the Acute Oncology Nurses on the numbers below if you need advice about your condition or treatment.

## Acute Oncology Nurses

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Tel: 01942 822720 or 01942 822710  
Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm

Messages can be left out of hours on  
Tel: 01942 822532 (answerphone).

## 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.

### Contact Us

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm)

The Patient Relations/PALS Manager  
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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?

### How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use, and store the information we hold about you, please see patient information leaflet, Ref. **Corp 006** How we use your information, this can be found on the Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website, see details on the front cover.

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, braille, and other languages upon request.  
For more information please ask in the department/ward.

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## Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

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### Patient Information

The Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website is available on the link:  
[https:// www.wvl.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets](https://www.wvl.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets)  
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## The Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The Cancer of Unknown Primary Multi-Disciplinary Team is made up of a group of healthcare professionals with a specialist interest, knowledge and expertise in the management of people with cancer of unknown primary.

The team is made up of a:

- **Consultant Oncologist** – Doctor who specialises in the management of cancer.
- **Consultant Pathologist** – Examines samples such as biopsies to look for particular cancer cell types.
- **Consultant Radiologist** – Performs and interprets X-rays, CT, PET and MRI scans.
- **Consultant in Palliative Medicine** – Doctor who specialises in the management of symptoms and improving quality of life.
- **Acute Oncology Nurse** – Specialist cancer nurse who will offer patients a point of contact, information and support.
- **Multi-Disciplinary Team Co-ordinator** – Co-ordinates the MDT meetings.

### The MDT meeting

The CUP MDT meets weekly. The aim of the meeting is to help decide on the most appropriate investigations, treatment and care

by having the right health professionals together to discuss each patient's situation.

The MDT will discuss your case history, X-ray images and pathology results (from studying biopsies), together with any other relevant information. As a team, they will work out an appropriate plan for your treatment or care. This plan will then be discussed with you either over the phone, or at an appointment in clinic or on the ward.

### Acute Oncology Nurse support

Acute Oncology Nurses work as part of the CUP MDT. They have knowledge and experience of patients with cancer of unknown primary, as well as the treatments that you may be offered.

The Acute Oncology Nurses attend the weekly Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting and work closely with the Oncologist involved in your care. They can act as a link between you and the MDT.

At the MDT meeting, the acute oncology nurse will make sure that you are allocated a **keyworker**.

### What is a keyworker?

A keyworker helps co-ordinate your care and will be your main point of contact with the hospital. The role is often carried out by one of the Acute Oncology Nurses at first, but if your

needs change you may be supported by another appropriate health professional.

### How your key worker can help

Your keyworker aims to provide you and your carers with a point of contact for information, support and advice during your investigations, treatment and care.

They can talk with you about:

- Your diagnosis
- Investigations and treatment options
- Physical and emotional symptoms
- Any other issues or concerns you have

Your keyworker can also put you in contact with other members of the team, such as doctors, dieticians, palliative care specialists, benefits advisors or other appropriate health professionals.

### Contact information

Your keyworker is:

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