

What happens next following a diagnosis of a gynaecological cancer

A diagnosis of cancer is life changing and you may experience a range of emotions and have many questions you want to ask, and understandably waiting for results is an anxious time for you and your family.

The results from investigations or your operation may take some time, this is because scans and the results from surgery need to be discussed at our Gynae Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting. The MDT is a specialist team of health professionals who work together to discuss the best course of treatment for you. Once the discussion results are available, you will be seen by one of the surgical or oncology team.

The team are here to help and support you, and will be available to provide you with as much information as you require. Core members of the team are:

- **Mr John Renninson** - *Consultant Gynaecology/Oncology Surgeon*
- **Dr Katharine Edey** - *Consultant Gynaecology/Oncology Surgeon*
- **Mr Michael Hannemann** - *Consultant Gynaecology/Oncology Surgeon*
- **Gail Webb** - *Gynaecology/Oncology Advanced Nurse Specialist*
- **Jacky Stewart** - *Gynaecology/Oncology Specialist Nurse*

- **Dr Jenny Forrest** - *Consultant Clinical Oncologist*
- **Dr Peter Bliss** - *Consultant Clinical Oncologist*
- **Dr Kate Scatchard** - *Consultant Medical Oncologist*

Your follow-up

After a cancer diagnosis you will be followed up regularly and invited to attend a follow-up appointment. The right follow-up for you will be discussed at your results appointment after surgery, and at this appointment you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We would encourage you to bring a relative or friend with you to your appointment for support.

Your follow-up may include:

- Regular consultant-led clinic appointments in oncology. (These could be face to face, a telephone consultation or via video link)
- Telephone consultations with your Gynae Oncology Specialist Nurse
- Patient-initiated follow-up where you are able to contact us if you need to be seen

If you are seen in an oncology clinic, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or a combination of both treatments may be discussed with you. An appointment in this clinic does not necessarily mean you will require any of these treatments.

Your Gynae Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) may be present at your appointment and you will be offered their contact details should you wish to contact them at any point with questions related to your diagnosis and treatment, or for on-going support. If you have any concerns in between appointments you can also contact your CNS.

- **Gail Webb** *Advanced Nurse Specialist - Gynaecology/Oncology* and **Jacky Stewart** *Gynaecology/Oncology Specialist Nurse*
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford)
Centre for Women's Health
Clinic 2, Barrack Road
Exeter EX2 5DW
Tel: 01392 406552 or mobile 07920 213043

Contact Numbers / Support and Information Services

Further information relating to your cancer and support services are available from a range of organisations:

- **Macmillan Cancer Support**
89 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7UQ
Macmillan Support Line. Freephone: 0808 808 0000
Email via www.macmillan.org.uk
- **Cancer Research UK**
Cancer Research UK
PO Box 1561
Oxford OX4 9G2
General enquiries 0300 123 1022
Specialist Nurses 0808 800 4040
Supporter.services@cancer.org.uk (General enquiries)
- **Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust (Jo's Trust)** –
Offers information and to women and their families affected by cervical cancer.
Tel 020 3096 8100
Helpline 0808 802 8000
Email info@jostrust.org.uk
www.jostrust.org.uk

- **Ovacome** - National Support Group for all those concerned with Ovarian Cancer
Support line: 0800 008 7054/ 07503 682311
General enquiries: 0207 2996654
Email www.ovacome.org.uk
- **Target Ovarian Cancer**
Support Line 020 7923 5475
Email support@ovariancancer.org.uk
www.targetovariancancer.org.uk
- **The Eve Appeal**
15B Berghem Mews
Blythe Road
London W14 0HN
Tel: 020 7605 0100
office@eveappeal.org.uk
- **FORCE Cancer Support Centre** - provides support locally for anyone affected by cancer

FORCE Cancer Charity

Corner House
Barrack Road
Exeter EX2 5DW
Tel: 01392 406151
www.forcecancercharity.co.uk
e-mail: support@forcecancercharity.co.uk

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