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Information for patients and carers

The sarcoma multi-disciplinary team



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An introduction to The London Sarcoma Service







RNOH Bolsover Street

This leaflet contains information about the team who will be part of your sarcoma care. You will be cared for at either the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) or University College Hospital (UCH), or possibly both.

In addition, the team works closely with other specialist services such as the Royal Brompton Hospital which provides a surgical service for thoracic sarcomas and the Royal Free Hospital which provides a surgical service for abdominal sarcomas.

The above teams form the London Sarcoma Service which sees and treats patients with a range of diseases, some of which are not cancerous.

For more information please visit our website http://www.londonsarcoma.org/

The multi-disciplinary team (MDT)

The team of professionals who will be caring for and supporting you is called an multi-disciplinary team (MDT). This team consists of a range of staff members who are experts in different areas of medicine and care, such as doctors, nurses, radiologists and pathologists.

Members of the MDT

Consultant orthopaedic surgeons:

The team of surgeons are specialists in performing the type of surgery that may be needed to treat your condition.

Mr Aston	Secretary 020 8909 5619
Professor Briggs	Secretary 020 8909 5573
Mr Jagiello	Secretary 020 8909 5591
Mr Pollock	Secretary 020 8909 5677
Mr Skinner	Secretary 020 8909 5621
Your consultant orthopaedic surgeon is	

Consultant oncologists:

The team of oncologists are specialists in the chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment used to treat your type of cancer. The oncologists are based at UCH in central London.

Dr Dileo	Secretary 020 3447 9346
Dr Michelagnoli	Secretary 020 3447 9950
Dr Seddon	Secretary 020 3447 9866
Dr Strauss	Secretary 020 3447 9346
Professor Whelan	Secretary 020 3447 9346
Your consultant oncologist is	

Consultant spinal surgeons:

The spinal sarcoma team provide a surgical service for patients with spinal sarcomas. Spinal surgeons working from RNOH and the National Hospital of Neurology and Neurosurgery regularly attend the weekly sarcoma MDT meeting.

Mr Anwar	Secretary 020 8909 5796
Mr Choi	Secretary 020 3448 3395
Mr Rezajooi	Secretary 020 8909 5800
Mr Shaw	Secretary 020 8909 5848
Mr Lee	Secretary 020 8909 5118
Mr Gibson	Secretary 020 8909 5864
Your consultant spinal surgeon is	

Consultant peripheral nerve surgeons:

The	Sarcoma	MDT	link in	with	the	supraregio	onal	neurofibrom	atosis
serv	ice at Guy	s and	St Tho	mas' F	Hospi ⁻	tal, led by	Dr R	Ferner.	

Mr Fox	Secretary 020 8909 533
Mr MacQuillan	Secretary 020 8909 579
Mr Sinisi	Secretary 020 8909 556
Your consultant peripheral nerve surgeon is	

Consultant abdominal surgeons:

The abdominal sarcoma team provide a service for patients with intra abdominal sarcoma (surgery, radiology, gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST) pathology). Abdominal sarcoma patients are discussed at a weekly abdominal sarcoma meeting.

Mr Dawas	Secretary 020 3447 9202
Mr MalagoPatl	nway Coordinator 020 7794 0500 Ext 38895
Mr McCullough	Secretary 020 3447 5879
Ms Pissanou	Secretary 020 3447 9202
Mr Shankar	Secretary 020 3447 9202
Your consultant abdomina	

Consultant gynaecological surgeons:

The gynaecological sarcoma team provide a service for patients with gynaecological sarcomas. There is a joint sarcoma clinic as required. Members of the sarcoma MDT attend the weekly gynaecological MDT meeting where gynaecological sarcoma patients are discussed.

Miss MacDonald	Secretary	020	3447	8636
Mr Mould	Secretary	020	3447	8636
Miss Olaitan	Secretary	020	3447	8636
Professor Widschwendter	Secretary	020	3447	8636
Your consultant gynaecological surgeon is				

Consultant head and neck surgeons:

The head and neck sarcoma team provide a surgical service for patients with tumours of maxilla, mandible and other head and neck sarcomas. Members of the sarcoma MDT attend the weekly head and neck MDT and joint oncology clinic.

Your consultant head and neck surgeon is				
Mr Vaz	Secretary	020 344	17 21	149
Mr O'Flynn	Secretary	020 344	17 97	755
Mr Kalavrezos	Secretary	020 344	17 21	146

Consultant thoracic surgeons:

The thoracic sarcoma team provide a service for metastatectomy and primary chest wall sarcomas. There is a weekly thoracic meeting between the London Sarcoma Service and The Royal Brompton hospital to discuss thoracic sarcoma patients.

Mr Jordan	Secretary 020 7351 8560
Mr Ladas	Secretary 020 7351 8567
Your consultant thoracic surgeon is	
Other team members:	

Clinical nurse specialists (CNS):

Clinical nurse specialists are qualified nurses with specialist training and extensive experience. They offer advice and support throughout your diagnosis, treatment and follow-up. There are nurses based in both hospitals and you will be allocated an appropriate nurse relevant to the treatment you are undertaking (you may have a CNS at both sites). Your CNS may also act as your key worker during your treatment, which means they are a consistent point of contact for you, your family and any professionals involved in your care. They can be contacted between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Rosina Donovan	020 3447 2527 / 07946 541344
Deirdre Driver	020 3447 2527 / 07946 541344
Oliver Mc Manamy	020 3447 2527 / 07946 541344
Anne McTiernan	020 3447 2527 / 07946 541344
Hannah Baldwin	020 8909 5679 / 07554 330838
Jo Coleman	020 8909 5710 / 07799 142066
Louise Gillings	020 8909 5282 / 07979 590885
Nicola Willis	020 8909 5765 / 07920 295206
Julie Woodford	020 8909 5512 / 07887 652048
Caroline Newton	07852 221150
Your CNS/key worker is	

Consultant radiologists:

These are specialists in examining and interpreting X-rays, CT scans, MRI scans, bone scans and other diagnostic tests to diagnose disease.

Consultant histopathologists:

These are specialists in examining tissue and cells taken from biopsies and other diagnostic tests to diagnose disease and confirm the type of cancer.

The MDT co-ordinators:

The MDT co-ordinators are administrators who will plan the MDT meetings, ensuring that you are discussed and that the clinical teams have all your medical information. They will co-ordinate your care and send information between the hospitals.

Other members of the MDT:

There are other specialists such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dieticians, social workers and research nurses who are part of the extended MDT and you may be referred to these specialists if appropriate.

The MDT meeting

The team of specialists meets every week to discuss the diagnosis and treatment plans of individual patients. They ensure that each patient is given the same high standard of care and has the most appropriate investigations and treatment.

What happens after the meeting?

After you have been discussed in the meeting, the recommendations are recorded in your notes. It is likely that an appointment will be made with your consultant and/or specialist nurse to discuss this further, or you may be called to have further investigations. You may bring a friend or relative with you to any of these appointments. In some cases it may be more appropriate to refer you to another specialist team in which case we will write to you to advise you of this.

Other points of contact:

Medical secretaries can often provide help and information. They will coordinate your correspondence and pass on messages to your consultant.

Ward rounds

If you are an inpatient for any part of your treatment you may meet other members of the team. Ward rounds with a consultant occur twice a week at UCH, usually on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. At UCH all patients with sarcoma on the ward are seen by the sarcoma consultant covering the wards for that month, together with the registrars and ward doctors, and usually one of the nurses. If the consultant covering the ward has any concerns about you, these will be discussed with your usual consultant who remains in overall charge of your care. You are very welcome to have any relatives or friends present with you when you are seen by the doctors on the ward, and the ward nurses can let you know when this is most likely to be.

At the RNOH you will be reviewed post-operatively by your consultant team. Each consultant surgeon (or his designated cover) undertakes a ward round every week involving the junior doctors, a physiotherapist and a ward nurse. The ward rounds usually occur early in the morning. However, if you would like to see your doctor with your relatives or friends present at a different time to the ward round please let your clinical nurse specialist or ward nurse know and they will try to arrange this for you.

Macmillan Support and Information Service

The Macmillan Support and Information Service inside the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre offers a welcoming and quiet space to feel listened to, understood and informed by specialist staff and trained volunteers. Patients and carers are welcome to drop in and use the services available or an appointment can be booked using the contact details below. A wide range of resources are available including welfare and benefits advice, complementary therapies, practical support and a programme of group activities.

UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre

Huntley Street London WC1E 6DH

Telephone: 020 3447 8663

Email: supportandinformation@uclh.nhs.uk

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

www.uclh.nhs.uk/OurServices/ServiceA-Z/Cancer/CSS/MCIC/Pages/Home.aspx

Out-of-hours

If you have a problem out-of-hours and need to speak with someone in an emergency, please go to A & E or contact the emergency contact number given to you by your CNS (if you are having treatment). Macmillan Cancer Support is available to provide advice on areas such as support groups and benefits. Call 0808 808 00 00 (freephone) Monday to Friday between 9am and 8pm or visit www.macmillan.org.uk

Communication with you and your GP

Your GP will be informed within 24 hours of you being given your diagnosis and copied into any correspondence regarding your diagnosis, treatment and care. You will also be automatically copied in to any correspondence. If you do not understand anything in the letters that you receive, please bring them with you to your next appointment and we will be happy to discuss them with you. If you do not wish to receive any correspondence, please inform your consultant or CNS.

PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service)

PALS is a patient-friendly, easy to access service designed to provide a personal contact point to assist patients, relatives and carers. If you have a problem that you have not been able to sort out, PALS can help you to resolve it.

UCLH PALS is located on the Ground Floor Atrium of the main University College Hospital building, open between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone: 020 3447 3042 Email: PALS@uclh.nhs.uk

RNOH Customer Care and PALS is situated in the Outpatients' Department, Stanmore, and the service is also accessible at the central London Outpatient Assessment Centre, Bolsover Street. The service is available between 8am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Telephone: 020 8909 5439/5717 Email: complaintsandpals@rnoh.nhs.uk

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