

Starting your Cancer Treatment at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary/ Calderdale Royal Hospital

Information for patients/carers/relatives

This leaflet explains what happens when you have been referred for treatment.

After seeing the Consultant

Your Consultant may just have explained and discussed with you your specific cancer treatment. You should have been given a written information sheet regarding this and it would be helpful if you could read this prior to your pre-assessment appointment/treatment appointment.

What happens next / Pre-assessment Clinic

An appointment will be arranged for you to attend a pre-treatment assessment clinic.

Please attend:

On:

Time:

There are various reasons why a pre-assessment may not be offered, if that happens you will still receive all relevant information regarding your treatment and its side effects when you attend for your appointment.

What will happen during this visit?

A chemotherapy nurse will discuss your treatment in more detail and provide you with a date of when you will be starting your treatment if you haven't been told this already. It is important that you attend the pre-assessment clinic as it allows us to meet you personally and to provide and prepare you with all the information you need before you commence your treatment.

Please write down and bring with you any questions or concerns you may want to discuss with us. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions and discuss any anxieties you may have. Please bring a list of any medications you are currently taking.

If you require a semi permanent line for your treatment the nurses will arrange this for you

Date/Time

Location

Special Instructions

A number of pre-treatment tests may be required:

- Blood Tests
- Blood Pressure
- Temperature
- Pulse
- Height
- Weight
- MRSA Screening
- ECG
- ECHO

Please purchase a thermometer before starting treatment, these are available from pharmacy for around £3 each.

Moisturising creams are available over the counter for you to buy or we can prescribe them if required to protect your skin during treatment.

Please ask the nurses about any dental treatment or holiday vaccinations prior to starting your treatment.

You should have received a parking permit that is valid for one year whilst you are undergoing treatment, if you have not been given a permit please ask one of the nurses, these can be used at both HRI and CRH.

On the day of your treatment

You will be sat in a chair, in a room with other patients. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative to sit with you during your treatment. Please be advised that due to limited space we politely request a maximum of two visitors per patient. It is also advisable not to bring small children or babies to the unit for infection and health and safety reasons/risks.

If you are here over the lunchtime period soup and a sandwich will be provided. You are welcome to bring books, kindles, iPads etc. Free Wi-Fi is available. There are also ipads available for patients use. Please ask a nurse if you would like one. Please provide your own headphones.

Please wear your normal clothes. If you are scalp cooling you may want to wear warmer clothes or bring extra layers.

Where to go?

Prescriptions

Please take any prescriptions we give you to the pharmacy on the Ground floor at HRI/CRH in the main entrance, our prescriptions can only be dispensed by our in house pharmacy.

Blood tests at HRI/CRH

The Pathology lab at **HRI** is located on the ground floor through the Costa Coffee Shop

Telephone No: 01484 355765

Opening hours 7.30am – 5.00pm
Monday – Friday with alternate late evening Wednesday.

The Pathology Lab at **CRH** is also located on the ground floor but towards Main Outpatients.

Telephone No: 01422 222049

Opening hours 7.30am – 5.00pm
Monday – Friday (except bank holidays)

You can book a blood test in the lab at a time that suits you or if you prefer you can ask your GP surgery or District Nurse to take a sample.

X-rays at HRI & CRH

Our X-ray departments are located on the 1st Floor at Calderdale Royal Hospital and Lower Ground Floor at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, please follow the signs.

CT, MRI, Ultrasound

Your appointments for CT, MRI or Ultrasound will come in the post and directions will be on the letter you receive.

ECG and ECHO at HRI & CRH

ECG tests and ECHO tests take place in the Cardiology Department which is located on the ground floor at CRH and the 2nd floor at HRI.

Appointments

Please make your next appointment with our receptionist at the end of the corridor. Alternatively an appointment will be sent in the post. If you have any queries about your appointment such as transport, interpreters etc please phone the receptionist on:

CRH Telephone No: 01422 222700
HRI Telephone No: 01484 343600
Haematology patients Telephone No: 01484 342683

If you are unwell **please do not wait until your treatment visit or clinic visit** to discuss the problem. Please refer to the separate leaflet called 'The Oncology And Haematology 24 hour Helpline' if you feel unwell on treatment.

Useful Contact Numbers

If you are in a **Research Trial** and require information regarding your trial, please contact the Research team on 07810656695, however if you require treatment related information or advice please contact the oncology helpline or chemotherapy unit.

The Macmillan Cancer Information Service provides a confidential, drop-in service for anyone affected by cancer.

The service is open Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm with access to booklets and other useful information and support.

The Macmillan Unit Calderdale Royal Hospital **Telephone No: 01422 222709**

Greenlea Oncology Unit Huddersfield Royal Infirmary **Telephone No: 01484 343614**

Email: cancer.information@nhs.net Team Mobile: 07554415564

Your specialist nurse can also be contacted for non-treatment related problems. It is also advisable to keep your GP informed regarding your plan of treatment.

The Oncology Consultant Secretaries can be contacted on Tel: 01484 343445
01484 343447
01484 343448

For Complaints/compliments etc Trust standard information.

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust

Macmillan Unit CRH
Telephone No: 01422 222709

Greenlea Unit HRI
Telephone No: 01484 343614

www.cht.nhs.uk

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

Potřebujete-li tyto informace v jiném formátu nebo jazyce, obraťte se prosím na výše uvedené oddělení

Jeżeli są Państwo zainteresowani otrzymaniem tych informacji w innym formacie lub wersji językowej, prosimy skontaktować się z nami, korzystając z ww. danych kontaktowych

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المذكور أعلاه"