

St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals

Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) for patients with skin cancer

The skin cancer multidisciplinary team (MDT)

A multi-disciplinary team (MDT) is a team of health professionals who specialise in different areas of treatment. The aim of this leaflet is to explain to you how the skin cancer MDT works and how you are involved.

The skin cancer MDT is **actively involved in your care**, even though you may not actually meet all of them. You will, however, be referred to the team members whose skills are best suited to the diagnosis and treatment of your particular condition.

A brief description of each member and their role follows below.

How does the MDT work together?

Every week, joint MDT meetings between St George's and Queen Mary's hospitals take place via a videoconferencing facility. Your case, along with others, will be discussed individually and a treatment plan will be agreed for you. This treatment plan will be put together to give the best possible care pathway for your particular condition. We will give you an outpatient appointment where your proposed treatment pathway will be discussed with you. This means you will be able to make an informed decision about your treatment.

The team

Plastic surgeon - a doctor who specialises in surgery to correct damage to the skin, reducing the amount of scarring or disfigurement that may happen in the course of surgery to treat a skin cancer. Plastic surgeons are based at St George's and visit Queen Mary's on a weekly basis.

Dermatologist - a doctor who specialises in the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders of all types, including skin cancer. The dermatology consultants and their teams are based at both sites.

Medical oncologist - a doctor who specialises in the treatment of cancer with drugs.

Clinical oncologist - a doctor who specialises in the treatment of skin cancer with radiotherapy. Treatment takes place at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

Histopathologist - a doctor who specialises in examining tissue samples under the microscope in order to make a diagnosis.

Radiologist - a doctor who specialises in reporting on x-rays, scans and other imaging techniques.

Clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in skin cancer/ dermatology - a specialist nurse. Their role is to provide all relevant information regarding your condition and to give you support during and after the course of your treatment.

CNS's are based at St George's and Queen Mary's. They usually act as your key worker.

Key worker - the team member who will help co-ordinate your care and is your first point of contact. You will be given the relevant numbers to contact this person for any information and advice regarding your treatment. You can contact them from Monday to Friday.

Your keyworker is:






MDT co-ordinator and Melanoma Liaison Manager

These members of the team, one on each site, are responsible for ensuring that all your relevant written information, notes, x-rays etc are provided for the MDT meeting. They ensure that the outcome of your MDT case discussion is communicated to everyone who needs to know and they provide the essential clerical support and data entry requirement for the MDT meetings. They will arrange clinic appointments and dates for surgery and record your pathway through the skin cancer service.



Any questions?

You can find the contact details for MDT members over the page.

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