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Gynaecological Oncology

Multi-disciplinary team

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This leaflet has been developed to provide you with information about the Gynaecology Oncology Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

What is the MDT?

The MDT is a team that is made up of Consultant Specialists from Gynaecology, Oncology, Radiology, Pathology, a Gynaecology Specialist Nurse and an MDT Co-Ordinator. The MDT meets weekly. All imaging and histopathology will be reviewed and this will form the basis of the discussions to determine any further treatment plans. Patients are usually contacted by the Gynaecology Specialist Nurse within 24 hours of the meeting, usually by telephone, to discuss the outcomes and arrange any further appointments and/or investigations.

The MDT is responsible for:

- Deciding if any further tests are necessary
- Discussing your treatment options including the possibility of entry into clinical trials
- Making appropriate referrals to specialist services
- Ensuring your holistic needs are considered

You may have been seen in clinic and may have already undergone several investigations, i.e. ultrasound scan, blood tests, MRI or CT scan, biopsies or surgery.

Following the investigations, your results may need to be discussed at MDT which is held weekly, alternate Monday and Wednesday.

Why do I need to be discussed?

For some patients, results may indicate a suspicion or diagnosis of cancer, or it may just be that your case is extremely complex. We need to ensure that the best possible treatment options are offered, based on clinical knowledge and your own individual needs. Due to working as a network between St Helens & Whiston hospitals, Liverpool Women's Hospital and Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, there is a possibility that your treatment would be at one or more of these hospitals, depending on your clinical situation/diagnosis. Therefore, you may be offered treatment elsewhere. Sometimes after an MDT meeting, we may choose to monitor you, with further investigations.

Key Worker

All patients who are discussed at an MDT meeting are allocated a key worker. This may be any clinician or specialist nurse whose care you will be under during your investigations or treatment.

Why do I need a Key Worker?

Being investigated for possible cancer or having a confirmed diagnosis can lead to feelings of shock, fear and bewilderment. A diagnosis may often come with a great deal of information and it can be difficult to take it all in and remember everything you have been told. For this reason, you should consider bringing someone with you. Your key worker will act as your point of contact within this team and he/she will be able to discuss any concerns or questions you have or just clarify some information, explaining any terminology you don't understand.

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If your care is transferred to another hospital, for example Liverpool Women's Hospital, or Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, a key worker will be appointed when you attend, who will support you through any treatment at that particular hospital.

If you wish to receive any copies of letters relating to clinic visits, please inform the receptionist at your next visit.

If you require an interpreter or have a visual/hearing impairment, please let us know how we can help you. It may be helpful to bring a friend or relative with you to appointments.

This information has been compiled to give you an overview of the Gynaecology Service at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.