Support groups

Macmillan Cancer Support
Freephone 0808 800 00 00 www.macmillan.org.uk
Provides information, emotional support and practical advice by telephone or letter. Also provides information in other languages.

Reading Upper GI and Laparoscopic Surgical Partnership
Website: www.lapsurg.info/

Oesophageal Patients Association
22 Vulcan House, Vulcan Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 2JY
Tel: 0121 704 9860
Website: www.opa.org.uk

British Association for Counselling
BACP House, 35-37 Albert Street, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2SG
Tel: 0870 443 5252
Website: www.bacp.co.uk
Can provide a list of local counsellors for cancer patients and their families.

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Introduction to the upper GI (gastrointestinal) cancer multi disciplinary team (MDT)

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you and your family or friends with information about the multi disciplinary team (MDT) involved in your care at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. There are also some useful telephone numbers and website addresses which you may find helpful.

The Multi Disciplinary Team

It is the policy of the MDT that all patients (irrespective of age and stage of the disease) with a new diagnosis of upper gastrointestinal cancer will be discussed at the multi-disciplinary team meeting (MDTM) at the earliest opportunity. At this meeting the team will discuss individual treatment plans and follow-up arrangements to ensure that every patient with cancer receives the best possible care. These meetings will also be an opportunity to discuss difficult cases at any stage during treatment if necessary. The meetings take place weekly.

Who are the upper GI cancer MDT?

- **Designated lead clinician (chair)**, who will take overall responsibility for the service.
- **Designated surgeon(s)**
- **Gastroenterologist**
- **Oncologist**. The team includes an oncologist with expertise in radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- **Radiologist** with expertise in the tumour site.
- **Histopathologist** with expertise in the tumour site.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialists** will provide information and support for patients.
- **MDT Co-ordinator**.
- **Users Issues and Patient Information Lead**.

- **Research nurse** will provide information to the team on any new trials.
- **Key Worker** is appointed from the MDT members for each individual patient. The name of the current key worker is recorded in the patient's case notes.
- The Key Worker for Upper GI patients will be the Clinical Nurse Specialist. Any changes to this will be made after discussion with you.

Useful numbers

Mr Dehn/Booth/ Sampson (surgeon) secretary	Tel: 0118 322 8678
Dr Chandra (gastroenterologist) secretary	Tel: 0118 322 7523
Dr J Booth (gastroenterologist)	Tel: 0118 322 7347
Dr J Gildersleve (oncologist)	Tel: 0118 322 7861
Dr J Adams (oncologist)	Tel: 0118 322 8348
Adelaide Ward	Tel: 0118 322 7471
Lister Ward	Tel: 0118 322 7538
Hunter Ward	Tel: 0118 322 7536
Sidmouth Ward	Tel: 0118 322 7468
Berkshire Cancer Centre (9am–5pm)	Tel: 0118 322 7888
West Ward (8:30am–5pm)	Tel: 0118 322 7646
Radiotherapy Clinic (9am–5pm)	Tel: 0118 322 7890
Chaplains (multi-faith)	Tel: 0118 322 7105
PALS	Tel: 0118 322 8338

Your Key Worker/Clinical Nurse Specialist is:

Ruth Moxon / Jane McDaid Tel: **0118 322 7748**

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ruth or Jane on the above number and they will be happy to speak to you.