Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

# Your Multidisciplinary Team

Information and advice for patients

## Gynaecology

### What is a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)?

Your multidisciplinary team is a group of specialists including doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who meet every week to discuss each patient with a possible or definite diagnosis of a gynaecological cancer. They consider and agree on what is the best treatment, using government national and regional guidelines.

#### What do they do?

All the team members meet every Friday morning to discuss each patient and agree on the best treatment options and plans of care. Individual needs, medical history and patient wishes are taken into account.

#### The Team

#### The Gynaecological Oncology Surgeons

The surgeons all have a special interest, additional training and expertise in gynaecological oncology. They are responsible for the diagnosis, surgical management and follow-up of women with a suspected or confirmed gynaecological cancer.

When you see the surgeon they will arrange any tests you need to confirm the diagnosis. These may include blood tests, scans and biopsies. If appropriate they will arrange for another doctor in the team to see you.















David Luesley

Sean Kehoe

James Nevin

Ahmed Elatter

Janos Balega

## **Clinical Nurse Specialists**

The nurse specialists provide information, emotional support, practical advice and counselling for you and your relatives or carers.

They will meet you at your clinic appointment or on the ward. You can also make phone contact between appointments for ongoing advice and support. They are your key workers who will ensure you are kept informed about your treatments and any follow-up appointments.

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The nurse specialists will advise you to bring a relative or friend to your clinic appointments to provide support and help you remember the information given to you at your consultation.

Tel: 0121 507 5511







Yvonne Doyle



Julie Winning

Jeanette Bradley

Gemma Law

#### **Sub-Speciality Trainees**

They have completed their training as general gynaecology consultants and have chosen to undertake further training in the speciality of gynaecological oncology. You will meet them in the clinic and on the ward. If you require surgery they will be involved in your care from admission to discharge.

## Surgical Care Practitioner/Advanced Theatre Practitioner

If you require surgery you will meet Natalie (Surgical Care Practitioner) and Raj (Advanced Theatre Practitioner) on the ward. Natalie will see you at the time of admission and be involved in your pre and post-operative care and discharge.





## The Radiologists

(Mark Davies, Hong Teo and Claire Keaney)

They all have a special interest in imaging gynaecological cancers. They will report and discuss your x-rays and scans at the meeting.

## The Pathologists

(Raji Ganesan, Adrian Yoong, Parveen Abdullah and Lynn Hirschowitz)

They all have a special interest in gynaecological cancer pathology. They look at and discuss the biopsies and provide the team with results on which individual treatment decisions can be made by the team.

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#### **Clinical Oncologists**

(Sarah Williams, Ahmed Elmodir, Suhail Anwar, Indy Fernando & Jenny Pascoe)

At the meeting they give advice on the use of chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment for women who need it as part of their treatment plan. If you require this treatment you will be referred to your local hospital.

#### **MDT Co-ordinator**

Mary ensures all patients notes, scans and biopsy results are available at the meeting. Following the meeting she provides feedback to your GP and the doctors involved in your care. Mary is responsible for ensuring all patients' treatment targets are met.



Mary Wright

#### Matron

Liz Hesk is responsible for maintaining high standards of quality nursing care in the clinics and on the ward. You may see her visiting the clinics and the ward to ensure government and Trust quality standards are met.

#### **Contact details**

If you have any further questions or queries please contact us on 0121 507 5511

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