

At Leighton Hospital

Vicky Woodall and Caroline Firth are the Upper GI Nurse Specialists. We specialise mainly in the care and support of people with cancer or suspected cancer of the oesophagus, stomach and pancreas.

Our aim is to ensure that each patient receives high standards of care and achieves the best quality of life.

As the Upper G.I. Specialist Nurses we work closely with ward nurses, doctors and other health care professionals, complementing the work they do.

What do we do?

- Provide support and information to patients, their families and friends, from the time of diagnosis.
- Provide a point of contact for patients and carers. The diagnosis of cancer can be a very uncertain time of your life. In providing clear information, to those who want it, we hope to reduce some of the fears and anxieties you are facing.

How can we help you?

- We can explain what investigations are for and what they will involve.
- We can provide time to discuss your diagnosis, disease and treatment plan.
- We can liaise on your behalf with other healthcare professionals.

How to contact us

If you are experiencing any problems or symptoms at home then please contact us. If we are unable to answer your questions we will endeavour to help you find the information you need.

If you wish, we are also available to speak to your partner or family. They may have their own questions about your illness or treatment. You might like to show them this leaflet.

The service is available
Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Contact numbers
Direct Line: **01270 273803**
or call Leighton Hospital on
01270 255141 and ask for
bleep number **3803** or **3804**
Email: vicky.woodall@mcht.nhs.uk
caroline.firth@mcht.nhs.uk

Useful Contacts

Macmillan Cancer Support

89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7UQ

Helpline: 0808 808 0000

www.macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Information Booklet orderline

Tel: 0800 500 800

Emotional and Practical Support

www.macmillan.org.uk

Oesophageal Patients Association

22 Vulcan House, Vulcan Road

Solihull, West Midlands B91 2JY

Helpline: 0121 704 9860

www.opa.org.uk

Pancreatic Cancer UK

Tel: 020 3535 7099

www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk

NHS Choices

www.nhs.uk

NHS Prescriptions

www.nhs.uk/ips

Macmillan Information and Support Manager

Macmillan Cancer Unit

Leighton Hospital

Direct Line: 01270 273603