Please remember this leaflet is intended as general information only. It is not definitive. We aim to make the information as up to date and accurate as possible, but please be aware it is always subject to change. You should check specific advice with your doctor.

After reading this leaflet, are there any questions you would like to ask?

Write down any questions or concerns you have and ask a doctor or nurse – there will be a simple answer or solution to most. We are here to help, so don't be afraid to ask.

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We would like to introduce the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) for Urological cancers at Worthing Hospital.

Urological cancers include cancers of the prostate, bladder, kidney, testes and penis.

Useful sources of help and information

Further support and information can be obtained from the following sources:

Uro-Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialists Claire Manwaring, Annette Martyn and Trudi Cunningham

Tel 01243 788122 ext 3143 (Mon-Fri 8.30-18:00)
Mobile 07824498835

Macmillan Cancer Support:

Free Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm (interpretation service available)
Tel: 0808 808 00 00
Website: www.macmillan.org.uk
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You may receive one of these questionnaires by post. Receipt and completion of the questionnaire is entirely voluntary. Please can you inform your “Key Worker” if you DO NOT want to receive a questionnaire.

Please be assured that if you decide to receive and complete the questionnaire, your answers will be treated in absolute confidence and will not affect any future care. An independent auditor will review the information.

Is there someone to talk to?

The diagnosis and subsequent treatment of urological cancer often has a major emotional effect on people. There are contacts listed on the next page whom you may find it helpful to talk to.

The Clinical Nurse Specialist is here to provide supportive care and advice or information about your particular type of cancer. From your diagnosis until you are discharged back to the care of your GP, the Clinical Nurse Specialist will be your “Key Worker”. See useful sources of help and information for contact details if you, your family or carer need any further advice or support, or have any further questions.

There is a Macmillan counselling service available at St Richards Hospital and if you have treatment at the Royal Surrey Hospital, you can access the Macmillan Counsellors there. If you feel you need to see a counsellor either discuss with your GP or contact your Clinical Nurse Specialist. Alternatively you can contact the services below:

Arun Counselling, Tel: 01903 714417
Offington Counselling, Tel: 01903 212275

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The Multidisciplinary Team consists of Doctors, Nurses and other Health Care Professionals, who all have specialist training and experience in the diagnosis, care and treatment of Urological cancers.

We have listed below some of the people who are in the team caring for you:

Urology Consultants:  
Mr J Hicks  
Mr JP Britton  
Mr P Carter  
Miss S Venn  
Mr D Magrill

Trust Registrar:  
Dr D Nandi

Clinical Oncologists:  
Dr A Nikapota  
Dr G Khoury

Macmillan Urology Cancer Nurse Specialists / Key worker:  
Claire Manwaring  
Annette Martyn  
Trudi Cunningham

Clinical Trials Nurse:  
Yolanda Bird

Radiologist:  
Dr B Burns  
Dr S Gangoli

Histopathologist:  
Dr T Walker

Patient Pathway Coordinator:  
June Ayling
How do we work?

We work closely together to plan and deliver the most effective treatment and care for each individual patient. This is done in consultation with the patient and their family, and occurs at each stage of care. If there is anything about your care and treatment that you do not understand, please don’t be afraid to ask. We are all here to help you.

The Multidisciplinary Team meets every Wednesday morning to discuss individual patient treatment and care.

Decisions from the meeting are discussed with the patients by the Doctors and/or the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS).

What hospital treatments and investigations will I have?

Depending on your type of cancer, you may receive a single or combination of treatments, which may involve attending hospital as an out-patient, an in-patient or a day patient.

Some patients need surgery: this may be carried out at St Richard’s Hospital or the Royal Surrey Hospital in Guilford.

What is the role of your Clinical Nurse Specialist (also called your Key Worker)?

Your Clinical Nurse Specialist is also known as your Key Worker. They take a key role in coordinating your care with different members of the multi-disciplinary team and ensure you have the guidance and support you require.

You will meet them around the time of your diagnosis or you will be contacted by them shortly afterwards.

What are clinical trials?

These are research studies that compare new or different treatments with existing ones. If you are asked to join a clinical trial, you are free to choose whether or not to take part in it. The Clinical Nurse Specialist and specially trained research nurses will provide you with the information you need to make that decision.

Can we improve our service?

We value your views regarding your experience with our services and regularly aim to involve patients and their relatives or carers in reviewing the delivery of care.

For this purpose, a questionnaire has been developed and you may be asked to participate in a ‘Patient Experience Survey’ at some point during or after your treatment. We intend to use this information to help us identify where patient experiences have been positive and also, importantly, where further work and improvement is needed.