

Multi Disciplinary Teams in Gynaecological Cancer Services (page 1 of 2)

This leaflet has been written to introduce you to the Gynae-oncology Services at Salisbury District Hospital.

What is an MDT meeting?

MDT is short for Multi Disciplinary Team. We meet every Wednesday at 1pm to discuss x-rays, scans, biopsy and blood results in order to reach a diagnosis and together decide what is the best treatment to recommend for you.

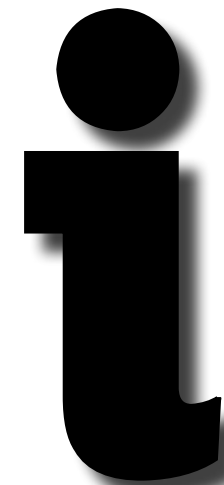
Our main goal is to diagnose or exclude cancer, your case is being discussed at the MDT with this goal in mind.

The Multi-disciplinary team consists of:

- the Gynaecology MDT Lead Consultant, Miss Abigail Kingston
- the other Gynaecology Consultants in the team.
- a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sister Rosie Stennings
- the MDT Coordinator, Sarah Boys (who works with your CNS to organise the meeting and arrange any further tests that may be needed or appointments)
- a Consultant histopathologist, Dr Michelle Khan (a specialist at looking at cells and tissue under a microscope)
- a Consultant radiologist, Dr Sarah Cook (a specialist at understanding x-rays, CT scans, MRI's etc)
- an oncologist, Dr Mel Harvey (a cancer specialist who understands and prescribes chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- a specialist from palliative care (a doctor or nurse who works with your MDT to assess and treat any symptoms or anxieties caused by the cancer)
- a research nurse (this nurse has a very active role in research studies and will identify any relevant research trials for individual patients).

There maybe other people in the meeting, such as radiographers (specialist in taking X-rays, scans, ultrasounds etc.) other doctors and nurses who work with the team.

After the MDT meeting, the discussion will be noted in the Health Care Record and you will be contacted. If you are invited for a clinic appointment, you may wish to bring a relative or friend with you for support and to help with remembering information.



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The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email: patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk if you would like a reference list.

Cancer Centres and Units

Salisbury District Hospital is a Cancer Unit in Gynaecology, and sees patients referred from their GP with symptoms which could suggest a cancer diagnosis. Once a strong suspicion of, or diagnosis of cancer has been made, your case will be discussed with the local Gynaecology Cancer Centre.

For most patients this will be Southampton General hospital, but for some it will be Poole Hospital or the Bristol/Bath MDT.

Southampton have their weekly MDT on a Friday morning and if your case is discussed there you can expect a plan by Monday of the following week. Some patients will have their treatment or further investigations here in Salisbury.

Some patients will need to be seen by Mr Ken Metcalf who is the Consultant Gynaecologist in Southampton for a decision on treatment. Mr Metcalf has some clinics in Salisbury on Monday afternoons, so you may be seen then. Otherwise you will be seen on a Friday morning at the Princess Anne hospital.