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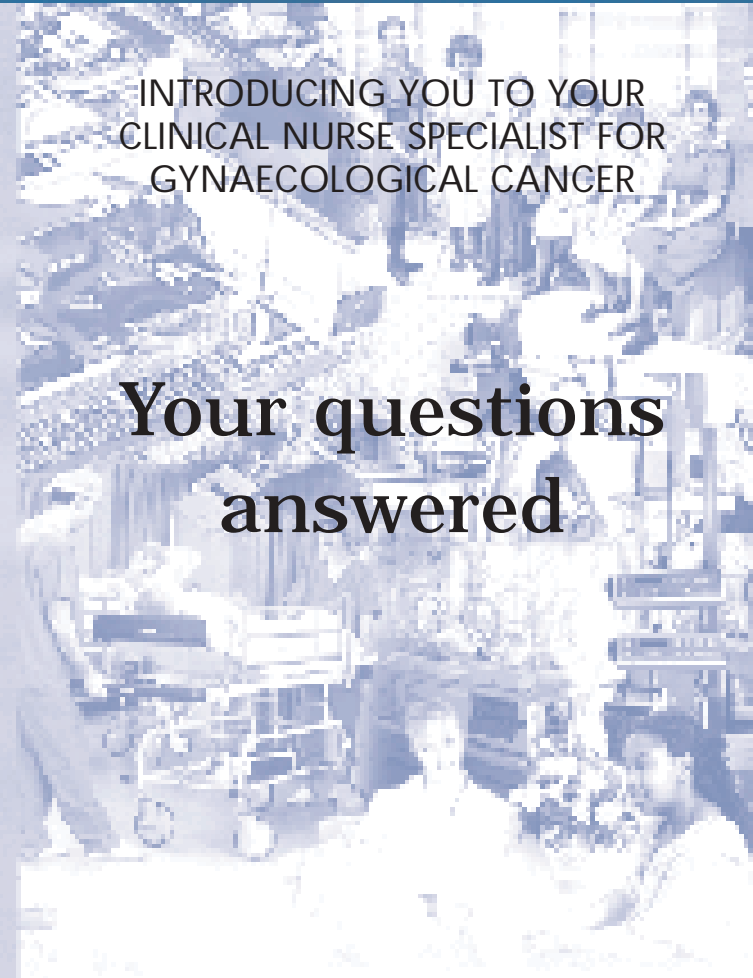
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CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST FOR
GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER

Your questions answered

We are available
Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm
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Who are Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS's) in Gynaecology Oncology?

The CNS's you may be linked to are fully trained nurses who now specialise in the area of Gynaecological Oncology and the associated issues related to Women's Health. Some CNS's are also known as Macmillan Nurses and are closely associated with the national organisation Macmillan Cancer Relief. This organisation is devoted to helping patients and their families cope with the diagnosis, treatment and effects of cancer. At the Liverpool Women's Hospital the role of this CNS includes support for the patient / family when a cancer is suspected but not confirmed.

How can a Macmillan CNS help me?

Macmillan Nurses understand through their many years of experience the fears and anxieties that patients and their families have when a diagnosis of cancer has been made, or there is a suspicion of cancer. We will work closely with you from diagnosis and throughout your cancer journey. We are here to support you and your family and we will do this by:-

- Answering your questions.
- Advising and supporting you on emotional, physical financial, social and spiritual issues.

- Helping you fully explore your treatment choices.
- Talking through with you any issues concerning your quality of life related to women's health before and after treatment.
- Supporting you on completion of treatment regarding ongoing issues.
- Liaising and introducing you to other members of the care team (hospital/ community) who could support and advise you i.e. Dietician, Social Worker, District Nurse, Consultant etc.

Will I have to see a Macmillan CNS?

No - All patients and their families are given information about the Macmillan CNS service and this is why we have produced this leaflet. We hope very much that you will feel that you would like us to be involved in your care.

If I see a Macmillan CNS how can I be referred?

You can be referred to us by any of the following people and at any time:-

- The nurses or doctors in the Outpatient Department or on the ward.
- Pre op clinic
- Your GP
- The Community Care Team

You or any member of your family can make a self referral by phoning the number on the front of this leaflet.

Will the Hospital Macmillan CNS visit me at home?

No - We work very closely with the Community Macmillan nurses and district nurses who work in your local area and we will refer you to their care. This means that all your needs will be met by the team closest to your home. This will only be done with your consent and only if you wish it.

Is confidentiality maintained?

Yes - Confidentiality is maintained at all times. We recognise that each patient and their family will have their own personal needs and that these will be different from one person to another. All your contacts with us will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will only be discussed with another member of the team if you agree.

What if I have a problem out of hours?

If you have a problem out of hours please contact the number on the front of this leaflet. If we are not able to answer your call, please leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

If the matter is urgent contact your GP or if you have been a patient of this hospital, contact the Gynae Ward.