

Upper Gastro-Intestinal Support Groups

Patient Information

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Having a diagnosis of cancer can be a difficult time. It can mean a lot of investigations and lengthy treatments. Whilst your doctors, nurses and dietitians will support you through this time, we appreciate it can be very helpful to talk to someone else who is going through – or has gone through - the same process.

You may be fortunate enough to be able to access a Support Group in your area. However, it may be that your hospital is unable to provide a group at the current time, or perhaps it may be more convenient to access a group in another area. Please feel free to contact a group to see if this is possible.

This leaflet provides a list of Support Groups, the times the meetings are held, and contact numbers to find out more. All these groups are run by Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) Clinical Nurse Specialists, like the Specialist Nurse involved in your care at the hospital you attend. Sometimes other professionals are present during the meetings.

As UGI Specialist Nurses, we work together and have regular contact with one another. So if you want further information, you can always ask your own nurse.

The Support Groups cannot be used instead of the regular clinic appointments that you have with your own doctors and nurse

Bolton

Churchill Unit, Royal Bolton Hospital, Farnworth BL4 0JR

Every other month Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Informal chat with other patients

Telephone: 01204 390981

Central Manchester

Currently no group, but nearest is Stockport group

Macclesfield

Currently no group, but nearest is Wythenshawe group

Rochdale

South Chadderton Methodist Church, Thompson Lane,
Chadderton OL9 8LX

First Tuesday of month 4.00 – 6.30 pm

Informal chat with other patients

Telephone: 01706 517463

Salford

Mayo Building, Salford Royal Hospital M6 8HD

Every other month, Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Telephone: 0161 206 5062

Tameside

Currently no group, but nearest is Stockport group

Trafford

Currently no group, but nearest is Wythenshawe group

Wigan

St Peters Pavilion, 2 Crown Street, Hindley WN2 3DE

Every other month, Monday 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Telephone: 01942 773459

Stockport

Pinewood Education Centre, Stepping Hill Hospital SK2 7JE

Every other month – day and time varies

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Telephone: 0161 419 4662

Wythenshawe

Education & Research Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital M23 9LT

Last Wednesday alternate months (from Jan) at 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Informal chat with other patients and invited speakers

Telephone: 0161 291 5322

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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