York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

The Malignancy of Unknown Origin

Multi-Disciplinary Team

Information for patients, relatives and carers

York and Scarborough Hospital Patients

ⓘ For more information, please contact:

MUO Pathway Navigator

Telephone 01904 724516

York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE

Members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

Are specialists in the care and management of patients with a Malignancy of Unknown Origin (MUO). Patients with MUO are discussed at the MDT meeting and the members will agree an individual management plan for each patient.
This may include additional tests. For example: CT scan, MRI scan, Blood tests.

Following the MDT meeting you will be seen in clinic, on the ward or receive a telephone call by the consultant. Your management plan will be discussed with you and your family. You will be offered a summary of these discussions if you would like one.

All MUO patients are offered a Key Worker (this is often a Clinical Nurse Specialist or CNS), in addition, you will have contact with our MUO Pathway Navigator. These health care professionals will be responsible for supporting you and coordinating your care.

The MDT includes members from York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The Core members are:

Consultant Oncologist
A doctor who diagnoses and treats cancer patients

Consultant Radiologist
A doctor who interprets x-rays, CT & MRI scans. May perform biopsies too

Consultant Histopathologist
A doctor who interprets tissue samples (biopsies)

Consultant in Palliative Care
A doctor who provides palliative care and symptomatic support such as pain management

MUO Clinical Nurse Specialist
A senior nurse who provides information, support and advice

MUO MDT Co-ordinator
The MDT team administrator

MUO Pathway Navigator
A person who provides; clerical administration, patient support and produces reports on MDT discussions.

Tell us what you think of this leaflet

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact:

York Hospital Patients

Contact your MUO Specialist Nurse on 01904 724516.
The Magnolia Centre
York Hospital Wigginton Road York, YO31 8HE

Scarborough Hospital Patients

Contact your MUO Specialist Nurse on 01723 342228.
The Macmillan Unit
Scarborough Hospital, Woodlands Drive, Scarborough, YO12 6QL

Teaching, training and research

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services.

PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email yhs-tr.patientexperienceteam@nhs.net.

An answer phone is available out of hours.

Leaflets in alternative languages or formats

If you would like this information in a different format, including braille or easy read, or translated into a different language, please speak to a member of staff in the ward or department providing your care.

Patient Information Leaflets can be accessed via the Trust's Patient Information Leaflet website: www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/patient-information-leaflets/

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