

Remote monitoring after treatment for granulosa cell ovarian cancer

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Information for Patients

What is remote monitoring?

This leaflet will tell you more about the Remote Monitoring Scheme (RMS). Your treatment has now been completed and you will have long-term follow-up. We will offer support and advice to help you keep healthy. We will offer you blood tests and check them and arrange to see you if needed. The information in this leaflet will help you to decide when (or if) you need to contact your nurse specialist. This is called remote monitoring.

What are the benefits of the RMS?

Routine hospital visits can often cause anxiety and stress for those who are well after treatment has finished. You will now be advised to stay on life-long follow-up due to the chance of cancer recurrence many years after treatment. It has been found that remote monitoring will allow you to move forward after your treatment, you are less likely to worry about results and hospital visits. You will be able to take control and if needed are able to quickly contact your nurse specialist. If you do have an appointment with the nurse specialist you can discuss any problems with regard to your health and wellbeing and a personalised care plan will be put together.

Symptoms that you should get advice about

After you have completed your treatment you may feel more aware of any aches or pains and worry about this. Below are a list of symptoms, if you have any for no reason we would ask you to contact your specialist nurse for more advice. This does not mean that there is something wrong, they could be caused by any other common illnesses.

- Vaginal bleeding
- Vaginal discharge that does not go away
- New tummy pain, bloating or discomfort which lasts for two weeks or more

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- New leg swelling in one or both legs
- Reduced appetite, feeling full after only eating a small amount
- Change in bowel or bladder habit which lasts for two weeks or more
- New breathlessness that does not go away
- New back pain which lasts longer or gets worse over two weeks or more

Monitoring tests

In the majority of patients a blood test could show if there was a recurrence of granulosa cell ovarian cancer. These blood tests are sent to a specialist centre for testing, which can sometimes mean a delay in you getting your results.

You will be sent a form to have your blood tests at your GP surgery. The tests will be every six to twelve months depending on how long it has been since your treatment. The blood test results will be checked by the RMS team and they will call you with the result. You will get a letter to remind you to have your blood test if you forgot to have it.

If one of your ovaries was not removed at surgery, you may be asked to have an ultrasound scan as part of your follow up. The RMS team will arrange this for you and write to you with the results.

If there are any concerns on the blood test or scan, your nurse specialist will contact you. They will let you know if you need any more tests or a clinic appointment will be made.

Feelings and emotions

When your treatment has finished you may feel anxious about not seeing your doctor or nurse specialist regularly. You may also feel relieved that you can start to get your life “back to normal”. You may have fear about your cancer coming back. All these feelings are normal and usually get less over time. It is normal to feel low from time to time. If you find that these feelings are getting in the way of you getting on with your life you should ask for help. You can then contact your nurse specialist.

Our commitment to you

If the nurse specialist feels that you should be seen in one of our clinics because of any symptoms you may have, we will make sure that you are offered an appointment within 14 days of calling us. If they feel that you do not need to come to clinic they will tell you to contact your GP as your symptoms may not be due to your previous treatment for borderline ovarian cancer or reassure you that nothing else needs to happen.

After your treatment has finished

Once treatment has finished it is normal that you would want to know how to stay healthy. You may have questions about your diet, exercise, and general wellbeing which your nurse specialist will be happy to talk to you about. They can also offer advice on:

- Menopausal symptoms
- Your body image and sexuality
- Self help courses after completion of your treatment
- Financial support
- Counselling

Contact details

Macmillan Gynaecology Oncology CNS

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We would prefer you contact the nurse specialist rather than sit and worry about it at home. This service is **not** for patients who are very unwell. If you suddenly feel unwell please seek urgent medical advice through your GP, or 111/999.

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