

Information for patients and carers

The Parkinson's Team

Central Lancashire

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This leaflet provides information of the service available for people who have a diagnosis of Parkinsons or Parkinsonism. The team covers Preston, Chorley and Blackburn with Darwen and will take referrals from Neurologists for advanced therapies.

Who are the members of the Parkinson's Team?

- Consultant neurologist
- Parkinson's clinical nurse specialists
- Administration support

What is the role of the Parkinson's Team?

The Parkinson's team support patients under the care of a neurologist, the team support people that are diagnosed with Parkinsons, Multi System Atrophy, Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy and Corticobasal Degeneration. The aim of the team is to support, educate and advise you with regards to your diagnosis and ongoing symptoms.

The Specialist Nurse offers the following service:

- Nurse led clinics – to review medications, make referrals to other services
- Telephone advice – review medication changes, offer help and advice without attending one of our clinics
- Home visits – to review patients who are house bound
- Ward reviews – we will visit and review patients when admitted to hospital

You will continue to be seen by a consultant neurologist periodically, the specialist nurses will liaise with your consultant if they feel their input is needed sooner.

What if I am admitted to hospital?

If you are admitted to hospital, please always ensure the hospital team are aware that you have a diagnosis of Parkinsons or Parkinsonism and that you are taking time critical medications. Where possible always make sure you have a supply of medications with you to help prevent missing any of your doses.

Please always let us know that you have been admitted to hospital by leaving a message so we can contact the ward and visit you.

How to contact the team?

You can contact the Parkinson's Team using the following number on:
01772 523575.

This is an answer machine – please leave your name, telephone number and a short message, and we will return your call.

Please note this can take up to five days depending on the volume of calls.

Where are we based?

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
Royal Preston Hospital
Sharoe Green Lane
Fulwood
Preston
PR2 9HT

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.accessable.co.uk
www.parkinsons.org.uk
www.msatrust.org.uk
www.pspassociation.org.uk

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Please ask a member of staff if you would like help in understanding this information.

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