



Information for
patients and
carers

Planning your Superficial and Electron Radiotherapy

When you first arrive

Please book in at reception. You will be asked to take a seat and a radiographer will collect you when they are ready for you. They will check your name, address and date of birth, explain what is going to happen at the appointment and answer any questions you may have.

Attention ladies please

Are you, or do you think you may be pregnant? If so, please let us know immediately. It is vitally important that you are not pregnant, and do not become pregnant, whilst you are having radiotherapy.

Planning your treatment

Before we start to plan your treatment you will be asked to sign a consent form, if you have not already done so.

During the planning stage, the treatment area will be drawn onto your skin using a special marker pen. We may ask your permission to make some tiny permanent ink marks on your skin with a small needle. These marks, together with the measurements we take, will act as a guide so that treatment can be given accurately on a day-to-day basis.

Once these marks are in place, we may ask your permission to take a medical photograph of the area for your medical records. In some cases, it may be necessary to make a special mask for you. These are required to either protect the surrounding area from treatment or to keep the treatment area very still and ensure that the treatment is given in the same place every day. The radiographer will explain the procedure to you before they start to make it. This may require an extra appointment.

At the end of this appointment, we will give you a list of dates and times for your treatment. We aim to start your treatment as soon as possible but some treatments require further calculations and take several days to prepare.

It will not always be possible to choose your appointment times, as we are very busy. Occasionally it may be necessary to change your appointment times at short notice. We try to avoid this wherever possible.

For patients using hospital transport, we have little control over the times you will be picked up for transport to and from hospital.

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please contact:

Radiotherapy Reception/Transport queries (01772) 522900

Radiotherapy Appointment queries (01772) 522931

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.macmillan.org.uk

All our patient information leaflets are available on our website for patients to access and download:

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets

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If you want to stop smoking you can also contact the Quit Squad Freephone 0800 328 6297.

Please ask if you would like help in understanding this information. This information can be made available in large print and in other languages.

Gujarati:

આ માહિતીને સમજવામાં સહાયતા જોઈતી હોય તો કૃપા કરીને પૂછો. આ માહિતી મોટા છપાણામાં અને અન્ય ભાષામાં ઉપલબ્ધ કરી શકાય છે.

Romanian:

Vă rugăm să întrebați dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru înțelegerea acestor informații. Aceste informații pot fi puse la dispoziție în format mare și în alte limbi.”

Polish:

Poinformuj nas, jeśli potrzebna jest ci pomoc w zrozumieniu tych informacji. Informacje te można również udostępnić dużym drukiem oraz w innych językach

Punjabi:

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਕਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੁੱਛੋ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

Urdu:

دو سر ی زبانوں او ر بڑی اگر آپ کو ہی معلومات سمجھنے کے لیے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو یی چھپا یں ییہ ابی دست بو یسکت ہے برا ئے مہر یان پو ے یچھہی۔ معلومات

Arabic:

مطبوعه بأ حرف كبير ة و بلغات إذا كنت تريد مساعدة في فهم هذه لمعلومات يُرجى أن تطلب أخرى يمكن تو فسير هذه المعلوما ت

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