

Patient information

Colorectal Nurse Specialist

Your key worker is: _____

We are Specialist Nurses who work as part of the Colorectal Team. We specialise mainly in cancers of the colon and rectum. Our main role is to co-ordinate the care and treatment you receive whilst being treated at the West Suffolk Hospital.

If you require treatment at another centre it is our role to liaise with them and to ensure good communications between all departments. We will also liaise closely with your GP and community staff as appropriate.

What do we do?

- Provide appropriate information about treatments/investigations and their side-effects.
- Follow you through your journey whilst being treated at the hospitals, and at home.
- Provide advice and support to you and your family and carers.
- Enable you to make choices and decisions on your treatment with you and your family.
- Attend outpatient's clinics and other departments when you visit the hospital.
- Work closely with other health care professionals acting as a support/information resource for them.
- We provide written information tailored to your treatment pathway.
- We co-ordinate your follow-up and surveillance following treatment.
- We work Monday to Friday, office hours, and are contactable by telephone.
- Our office is in F5/6 corridor. If you are in the hospital and would like to see us please feel free to come and find us.

- We have a Personal Assistant who works full time hours.

How to contact me?

My direct line: 01284 712697

If we are not available to take your call, please leave a message on the 24 hour answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Alternatively, telephone **01284 713000** and ask switchboard to bleep me on **705**.

Useful websites

CancerBACUP

3 Bath Place
Rivington Street
London EC2A 3JR

Free phone: 0808 800 1234
www.cancerbacup.org.uk

Beating Bowel Cancer

39 Crown Road
St Margarets
Twickenham
TW1 3EJ

Phone: 020 8892 5256
E-mail: info@beatingbowelcancer.org

Bowel Cancer UK

7 Rickett Street
London
SW6 1RU

Phone: 08708 506050
E-mail: advisory@bowelcanceruk.org.uk
www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk

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<http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/west-suffolk-nhs-foundation-trust/main>