

Colorectal Nurse Specialist Introduction

This is a service providing support and information for patients and families of those who may have bowel cancer

Your consultant has explained to you that you may have a cancer in your bowel or rectum. This has probably come as a shock to you and it may take some time to come to terms with this diagnosis. It is very important that you are able to ask questions and obtain information during these early stages.

The Colorectal Nurse Specialist will provide support, advice and information about bowel cancer. They will try to contact you at the earliest opportunity following your diagnosis to arrange a meeting with you and a relative or friend to explain investigations, surgery and treatment options to you. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss any concerns and to ask questions about the management of your condition.

The aim of this service is to help you and your family or carers understand what is happening during the course of your treatment and act as a link between you and the hospital. They will see you in hospital during the course of your treatment. They may also be the person that sees you in follow-up clinics in the Outpatient Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact them to discuss any concerns or queries you may have at any time during the different stages of your treatment. If they are unable to help with a particular problem, they will be able to refer you to the appropriate person.

The Colorectal Nurse also has direct contact with your consultant and a team of cancer specialists so is able to get a quick response to specific problems from the team.

If they are not available, you can leave a message on the answer machine on the direct dial number and they will get back to you.

Your Colorectal Nurse Specialist is:

Colorectal Nurse Specialist

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Barrack Road

Exeter

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Direct Dial Tel: 01392 402781

or 01392 411611 and ask Switchboard to put you through to the Colorectal Nurses on #6582

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