

## **Acute Oncology and Cancer Unknown Primary**



The Acute oncology team consists of two nurse specialists Pat Crowder and Josie Woodley and can be contacted on 01246 516347 and bleep 890. They assess and review all patients admitted who fall in categories I – III (see below).

### Type I: New Cancers (previously unknown malignancy), presenting with;

- Pleural effusion
- Pericardial effusion
- Lymphangitis Carcinomatosa
- Superior mediastinal obstruction syndrome, including SVC obstruction
- Abdominal Ascites
- Hypercalcaemia

- Spinal cord compression including MSCC
- Cerebral space occupying lesion
- Any other cases where the A&E staff or acute medical team decide an urgent oncology assessment is needed

Type II: Chemotherapy related complications, presenting with;

- Neutropenic sepsis
- Uncontrolled nausea and vomiting
- Extravasation injury
- Acute hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic shock
- Complications associated with venous access devices
- Uncontrolled diarrhoea
- Uncontrolled mucositis
- Hypomagnesaemia

Type II: Radiotherapy related complications, presenting with;

- Acute skin reactions
- Uncontrolled nausea and vomiting
- Uncontrolled diarrhoea
- Uncontrolled mucositis
- Acute radiation pneumonitis
- Acute cerebral/other CNS, oedema

Type III: Known Cancer and complication

- Pleural Effusion
- Pericardial Effusion

- Lymphangitis Carcinomatosa
- Superior mediastinal obstruction syndrome, including SVC obstruction
- Abdominal Ascites
- Hypercalcaemia
- Spinal cord compression including MSCC
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The same team are also responsible for being the key worker and nurse specialist for all patients under the Cancer of Unknown Primary service (sometimes called Malignancy of Unknown origin MUO). There are links to the CUP foundation and the Trust MUO policy on the main page.