

Your Thyroid Cancer Multidisciplinary Team

Information for
patients

Fighting cancer needs a team of people with different skills. This is called a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). It is made up of people who are cancer experts with a range of different skills.

Some of the people in your thyroid MDT might include:

Your specialist surgeon

This is a doctor who is specially trained to remove and treat thyroid cancer.

Your radiologist

This is a doctor who is expert in taking and interpreting xrays and scans.

Your oncologist

This is a doctor who is an expert in deciding which treatment is best for you after surgery. Some of the treatments your oncologist may discuss with you include radioiodine treatment and radiotherapy treatment.



Your pathologist

This is a doctor who is an expert in looking at cancer cells under the microscope. The pathologist can tell the MDT what cancer you have and work out how it is likely to behave.

Your thyroid specialist nurse

This is a nurse who is expert in caring and supporting people with thyroid cancer. Your thyroid nurse can help you understand any aspects of your treatment you may feel unsure about. Your nurse can also refer to other services when required and provide a link between other members of the MDT. Your thyroid nurse will often also be your key worker.

Your endocrinologist

This is a specially trained doctor who is expert in diseases that affect your glands.

Your nuclear medicine therapy team

This is a team who are experts in delivering radioiodine treatment and performing the appropriate scans. They also provide support and advice regarding radiation protection.

Palliative care specialists

These are specialist doctors and nurses who are skilled in the treatment of the symptoms of cancer.

Other specialists

Depending on your personal needs you may meet other people who are expert in their field such as the social worker or clinical psycho oncologist.

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