



St John's Institute of Dermatology

The Melanoma Clinic at St John's Institute of Dermatology

You have been referred by your GP or local hospital to the melanoma clinic at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for investigation or treatment for a suspected or confirmed melanoma (a type of skin cancer).

This leaflet provides information about the clinic and tells you how to contact some of the people who may be caring for you.

What is the melanoma clinic?

The melanoma clinic is part of the St John's Institute of Dermatology at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. It has a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals specialising in melanoma including dermatologists (skin specialists), plastic surgeons, oncologists (cancer specialists), dermatopathologists (specialists in diagnosing skin samples under a microscope), skin cancer clinical nurse specialists, a research nurse and a clinical trials coordinator. A clinical psychologist is available for consultations. There is also a team of outpatient clinic nurses available to help you and to coordinate your clinic visit.

The clinic is held on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12.30pm.

To be seen at the clinic patients must be referred by their GP or local hospital.

St John's Institute of Dermatology has an international reputation for the investigation and treatment of all forms of skin cancers. Research into melanoma prevention and treatment is a key part of what we do. We may ask you if you would like to participate in research studies to help us understand melanoma and treat the disease more effectively.

Where to find us

The department has recently moved from St Thomas' Hospital to Guy's Hospital. The dermatology outpatient department is situated within St John's Institute of Dermatology:

Dermatology (Bermondsey Wing)
Ground Floor
Guy's Hospital
Great Maze Pond
London SE1 9RT

For more information on visiting Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals please go to:
www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/visiting

How to contact us

For melanoma clinic and appointment enquiries please telephone the patient pathway coordinator on **020 7188 6387**. Please leave your name and telephone number and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Other useful contact details

Listed below are some members of the melanoma clinic team.

Specialist nurses

All patients are allocated a **skin cancer clinical nurse specialist (CNS)** who is available for support and advice and can also help by liaising between patients, relatives, GPs and hospital doctors. Support is available for all patients as soon as they have been diagnosed.

Alison Baker

t: 020 7188 6639

m: 07554 779299

Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm

Ian Gosling

t: 020 7188 4901

m: 07557 800291

Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm

Cath Morgans

t: 020 7188 6384

m: 07554 779308

Monday to Thursday, 8am-6pm

You may need to leave a message, but your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Clinical Psychologist

Danuta Orlowska

t: 020 7188 7188 (ext 51874)

e: danuta.orldowska@gstt.nhs.uk

Patient tracker

For non-medical queries and appointments

t: 020 7188 6387 or 020 7188 7188 ext: 51633

m: 07876 790630

Skin tumour unit administrator

t: 020 7188 6265

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the melanoma clinic, please contact the skin tumour unit on **020 7188 6265**.

Pharmacy Medicines Helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your medicines, please speak to the staff caring for you or call our helpline.

t: 020 7188 8748 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

PALS

To make comments or raise concerns about the Trust's services, please contact PALS. Ask a member of staff to direct you to the PALS office or:

e: 020 7188 8801 at St Thomas' **t:** 020 7188 8803 at Guy's **e:** pals@gstt.nhs.uk

Language Support Services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please get in touch using the following contact details.

t: 020 7188 8815 **fax:** 020 7188 5953

NHS 111

Offers medical help and advice from fully trained advisers supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. Available over the phone 24 hours a day.

t: 111

NHS Choices

Provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make choices about your health.

w: www.nhs.uk

Become a member of your local hospitals, and help shape our future

Membership is free and it is completely up to you how much you get involved. To become a member of our Foundation Trust, you need to be 18 years of age or over, live in Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Wandsworth or Westminster or have been a patient at either hospital in the last five years.

To join, please call 0848 143 4017, email members@gstt.nhs.uk or visit www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk