



Head & neck cancer

This leaflet is for patients with head and neck cancer and provides details of organisations you may find helpful.

For information and support:

Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre
Mon – Fri: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Telephone: **020 3826 2555**

Lister Macmillan Information Centre

Lister Hospital, Stevenage
Mon – Fri: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Telephone: **01438 284657**

For urgent advice about treatment and side effects:

Call the centre where you are receiving treatment:

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (MVCC)

24hr Emergency Advice Line: **07825 028855**

Lister Hospital

Mon - Fri: 9.00am-5.00pm: **07827 823509**
At other times, call the MVCC number above

For appointment enquiries, contact your consultant's secretary

● Mouth cancer

Mouth Cancer Foundation

Provides support for people with mouth, throat and other head and neck cancer.
Tel: 01924 950950
www.mouthcancerfoundation.org

● Throat cancer

Throat Cancer Foundation

Raises awareness, supports patients and carers with a forum; information on treatment and care.
Tel: 0203 475 4065
www.throatcancerfoundation.org

Cancer Laryngectomy Trust

Provides support and understanding for people who are about to have, or have had, a laryngectomy.
Tel: 01422 205522
www.cancerlt.org

National Association of Laryngectomy Clubs

National network of clubs offering non-medical help and information.
Tel: 020 7730 8585
www.laryngectomy.org.uk

● Thyroid cancer

British Thyroid Foundation

Provides support to people with thyroid disorders.
Tel: 01423 810093
www.btf-thyroid.org

● Relevant organisations

Changing Faces

Practical and emotional support for people and families who are living with conditions, marks or scars that affect their appearance. Also runs skin camouflage service.
Tel: 0300 012 0275
www.changingfaces.org.uk

ENT UK

Website includes information for patients.
www.entuk.org

Smokefree

Expert advice and encouragement from specialist advisers.
www.nhs.uk/smokefree

● Local support groups

For details of local support groups, look at the 'In your area' section of the Macmillan Cancer Support website:
www.macmillan.org.uk

Codicote

Head & neck cancer support & social group
Tel: 01438 284941

Northwood

Head & neck cancer support group
Tel: 020 3826 2089

● General information about cancer

Cancer Research UK

Funds research into cancer. Provides information on cancer and its treatments.
Tel: 0808 800 4040
www.cancerresearchuk.org

HealthTalk

Website with videos in which patients share their experiences of cancer.
www.healthtalk.org

Macmillan Cancer Support

Provides information on all aspects of cancer and its treatments including medical, practical and financial issues.
Tel: 0808 808 0000
www.macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Online Community

Anonymous, free network of people affected by cancer. Join and get support from others.
www.community.macmillan.org.uk

NHS Website

www.nhs.uk

● Videos

The head & neck support group at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre has produced some videos about aspects of head and neck cancer and its treatments. These can be viewed in the 'Information and links' section on:
www.ljmc.org

● After treatment

Take Control

This is a 3-hour workshop for cancer patients who have finished, or are just about to finish treatment. It focuses on practical and emotional skills, self-management techniques and coping strategies to help you move forward and 'take control' of life after treatment has finished.

HOPE

A course that helps people who have had cancer to move on with life after treatment. It runs for six weeks, 2½ hours a week. The course aims to enable people to cope emotionally, psychologically and practically by focusing on building on their existing strengths.

For dates and details of courses, contact:

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