

Frequently asked questions

Q: Will I need lots of tests?

A: Your doctors will carefully choose the tests that are absolutely necessary.

Tests you may have:

Blood tests	CT Scan	Endoscope
Biopsy	MRI	Mammogram
X-Ray	PET Scan	Barium x-rays
Bone scan	USS	Removing fluid (lung/abdomen If present)

Useful contacts

Cancer of Unknown Primary Foundation - Jo's Friends
PO Box 4122, Reading, RG8 6AZ



www.cupfoundjo.org

Support - Nearest location: Nottingham
www.maggiescentres.org

www.macmillan.org.uk

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If you require this information in another language, large print, audio (CD or tape) or braille please email the Patient Information team at patient.information@ulh.nhs.uk



Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist Service For Cancer of Unknown Primary

Lincoln County Hospital

www.ulh.nhs.uk

Aim of the leaflet

This leaflet is aimed at offering support and information for you and your relatives from the time you are first diagnosed.

How my service will help you

- Provide on-going advice and information.
- Give advice and information about radiotherapy, chemotherapy and any side effects.
- Give advice regarding seizures, fatigue, travel, wig information, financial concerns etc.
- Work closely with other healthcare professionals involved in your care and refer you to their services when required.
- Provide continuing support for you and your family during and after treatment acting as your key worker.

Cancer of Unknown Primary (Understanding C.U.P. Macmillan cancer Support, 2011. 2nd edition. MAC 11689)

C.U.P is not common and affects 3 to 4% of all people with cancer.

In people with C.U.P the symptoms are caused by the secondary cancer. Although tests will be done, the primary cancer may not be found.

Even if the primary cancer hasn't been found the Specialists may have a good idea and you'll be treated on that basis.

You were seen by CNS or Consultant:

Date:

Comments:

Multi Disciplinary Team Meetings (MDT)

When you begin investigations the results may be discussed at a relevant MDT. If a primary cancer isn't immediately obvious you may be discussed at the Cancer of Unknown Primary MDT. The team consists of:

Dr Stokes: Clinical Oncologist
Dr Pinto: Consultant Radiologist
Dr Adam Bickers: Consultant Histopathologist
Dr Georgina Keenleyside: Consultant in Palliative Care
Julie Coventry: Macmillan C.N.S.
Jo Shuck: MDT Co-ordinator
Anita Young and Ellie Jones: A.O.S. C.N.S's

Key Worker

As a key worker I will be your main point of contact, giving support during and after your treatment. If at any point a member of your local community team is more appropriate to be your key worker, then we can discuss this together. It is not unusual for your key worker to change during your care pathway. Your GP, District Nurse or Community Macmillan Nurse may be your key worker in the future.

Introduction and contact information

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Office Telephone: 01522 572313 (There is an answer-phone service where messages are checked daily. All messages will be returned though this may not always be on the same day).
Please always leave your name and contact telephone number.

If urgent advice is required please contact your GP.