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High Risk Protocol for Kidney Cancer

Your kidney mass has been surgically removed and analysed by our pathology department. It has been confirmed as a renal cell carcinoma (kidney cancer).

The stage and grade are as follows. Please see the Macmillan Cancer Support Understanding Kidney Cancer booklet for more information (using web address or QR code below):

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support/stories-and-media/booklets/understanding-kidney-cancer>



Your stage and grade are as follows (circle as appropriate):

Stage:	T1a	T1b		
	T2a	T2b		
	T3a	T3b	T3c	
	T4			
Grade:	1	2	3	4

Based on your results you have been placed on the **high risk follow up protocol**.

Regular follow up is important. It enables us to monitor the remaining kidney and check for any residual or recurrent disease.

You will receive regular follow up appointments, either by telephone or face to face with your consultant or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS).

Your follow up will involve blood tests, CT scans and appointments at timely intervals.

We recommend **6 monthly blood tests** to check your kidney function. These will need to be done through your GP's surgery. You can get in touch with your CNS for the results.

Follow up CT scans will be scheduled for **6 months, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years and 5 years** from your operation date (unless unavoidable delays). In some cases, a further scan may be arranged at **7 years**.

If you do not receive appointments as outlined in this information sheet by the month in which they are due, please get in touch with your CNS or your consultant's secretary so that we are aware and able to chase them up.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time between appointments please do get in contact with your CNS or your consultant's secretary. If your call is not answered, leave a message, with your name and contact number and we will aim to return your call within 72 hours.

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