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# Macmillan Clinical Rare Cancer Nurse Specialist

## Introduction

This leaflet provides information about the role of the Macmillan Clinical Rare Cancer Nurse Specialist for less common cancers. These nurses are commonly referred to as CNS's (Clinical Nurse Specialists).

You have been referred to the Macmillan Rare Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) because your doctor suspects or has confirmed that you have a diagnosis of cancer. The CNS will act as your 'keyworker' and will be your main point of contact throughout your diagnosis and treatment.

The role of the CNS is to provide support, education and information to those who may be affected by rare cancers and their families and friends. Patients who are affected by sarcomas and neuroendocrine tumours (NET) are supported by the Rare Cancer CNS.

## What does the CNS do?

The CNS will liaise with all teams involved in your care including dietitians, physiotherapists, social care workers, community nurses and your GP.

The CNS will work alongside the doctor at clinics where patients are seen regarding their cancer treatment. They also provide follow-up clinics and services for patients and run a patient support group for patients with rare cancer. The support group is held on the first Monday of each month at the nearby Maggies Centre, College Baths Road, Cheltenham.

The CNS can be contacted by patients who have questions or concerns regarding their treatment or its side effects.

The CNS may be able to help with such problems as:

- Physical effects of cancer and the treatment
- Emotional support needs

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- Practical advice and guidance with issues such as returning to work, going on holiday, travel insurance, free prescriptions, where to get financial support etc.
- If the CNS thinks it appropriate they may, with your permission, seek advice or refer you to other professionals who may be able to give more suitable help

## Contact information

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