

# **THE ROLE OF THE URO- ONCOLOGY SPECIALIST NURSES**

When diagnosed with a bladder, prostate, testicular or renal cancer you will meet a Uro-oncology Nurse Specialist who will be available to provide support and information to you and your family. The nurse will be your key worker which means they will be the person responsible for co-ordinating your care. They will usually be present with the consultant when you are told your diagnosis of cancer and will follow you through your care even if this is to the radiotherapy or chemotherapy departments.

As key worker the nurse will, with your consent and agreement, take a key role in co-ordinating your care and ensuring there is a familiar face to provide information, support and advice. You will be given her contact number so you can telephone whenever you feel you need support.

The aim of the uro-oncology nurse is to smooth the cancer pathway from diagnosis through treatment from surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy and during follow up to discharge. The nurses work closely with doctors and other health care professionals to try to encourage and help you to make decisions about the treatment you want. This hopefully means you can maintain your independence and help you to carry on with life as normally as possible.

What do the Uro-oncology nursing team offer?

- a. A contact point for people with cancer at any stage
- b. Advice and support for you, your relatives, carers and friends
- c. Advice about treatments such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- d. Information about your illness
- e. Advice on your continued care at home
- f. Someone to talk to about worries or problems
- g. Advice on relationship, fertility or sexual problems
- h. Advice on how to manage financial problems

## **How to contact the uro – oncology nurse**

The Uro- oncology specialist nurses Karena Le Monnier and Gemma Crane are based at the Churchill Hospital You can contact them by telephone on (01865) 228321