

Introduction

The Advanced Pelvic Malignancy Service at The Christie includes the regional service for locally advanced and recurrent rectal cancer. In the last three decades, pelvic exenteration surgery has continued to evolve into one of the most important treatments for these patients.

Approximately 2000 patients undergo resection of colorectal cancer in Greater Manchester (GM) each year. Those with rectal cancer will constitute approximately 31% (620) of these patients. Rates of local recurrence are best estimated at 6%, giving a total annual incidence of recurrent rectal cancer across GM of around 40 patients. The service also receives referrals from outside of Greater Manchester, including from Lancashire, Cheshire and Merseyside, Shropshire, and North Wales.

What our team offers

- Multi-speciality working
- Weekly advanced pelvic MDT including Greater Manchester colorectal clinical oncologists and colorectal/urology/gynaecology
- Dedicated radiologist
- Dedicated spinal, vascular, and plastics support when required
- Dedicated multi-speciality cover and operating arrangements
- Multi-speciality 'one stop' pelvic clinic
- Full spectrum of surgery including neurovascular and bony resections
- Annual living with and beyond advanced pelvic cancer patient day
- ePROMs: an electronic patient related outcome measure service to measure and improve outcomes for patients with colorectal cancer
- Dedicated clinical psychologist joining our team this year!
- Ongoing research
- Commitment to training with accredited Royal College of Surgeons/Association of Coloproctology fellowship programme
- Recent benchmarked outcomes in line with other expert international centres – publication coming soon!

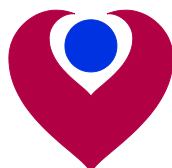
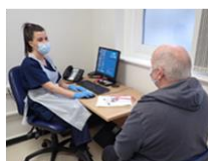
'One-stop' multi-speciality clinic

Our 'one-stop' multi-speciality clinic for patients undergoing complex pelvic surgery at The Christie has tangible benefits of reducing overall hospital attendance during pre-operative workup and has demonstrably improved patient experience. The service offers patient optimisation, addressing modifiable risk factors, and enhancing overall health and well-being before surgery.



The Clinic

- Surgical teams
- Pre-op nurse
- Anaesthetist
- CPEX
- Stoma team
- Physio
- ERAS team
- Dietician
- Biobank
- Research
- Psych-oncology



How to refer

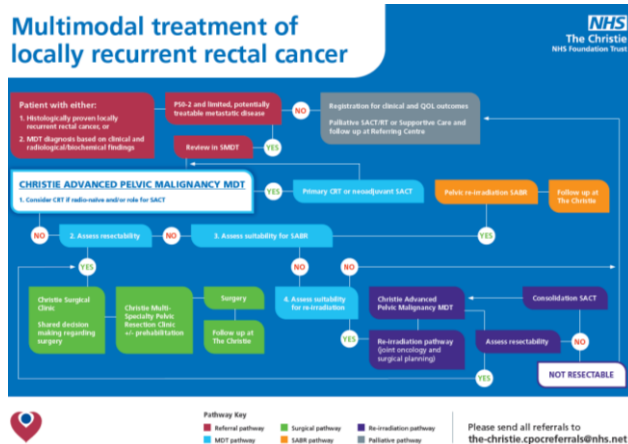
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Dedicated specialty MDT

This is attended by numerous specialists to ensure optimal selection of oncological treatments for patients with advanced and recurrent disease. As well as standard oncological treatments, The Christie also offers pelvic re-irradiation and stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy (SABR). Where patients are recommended for surgery, multi-speciality decision making ensures optimal surgical planning to maximise the chances of a successful outcome from surgery whilst minimising morbidity and improving quality of life.

Recurrent rectal cancer pathway

Our dedicated pathway ensures patients with recurrent rectal cancer are assessed for all available treatment options as well as surgery. This includes both pelvic re-irradiation and SABR.



Living with and beyond cancer

Over 50 patients attended our most recent survivorship day for patients who have undergone surgery for locally advanced and recurrent rectal cancer.

The day focussed on steps patients can take to support their health and wellbeing after what is often very complex treatment. The aim was to help build their confidence to get back to the things they enjoy. Topics covered included fatigue management, survivorship, sexual health and rehabilitation, exercise, and nutrition.

There was also plenty of time for patients and their loved ones to chat to each other about their experiences, with our colorectal team on hand to answer any questions.

