MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Your feelings and cancer

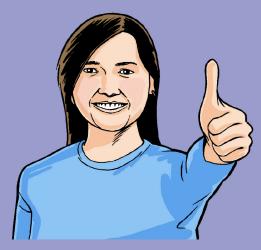
























About this easy read booklet



This booklet is about how you may feel when you have cancer.



You can learn about the different ways you might feel if you have cancer.



If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.



Your feelings and cancer



As well as making changes to your body, cancer can also change the way you feel. It is normal to have lots of different feelings.



When you have cancer you may feel:

• sad or depressed



worried or anxious



 alone or lonely, even if there are people around you



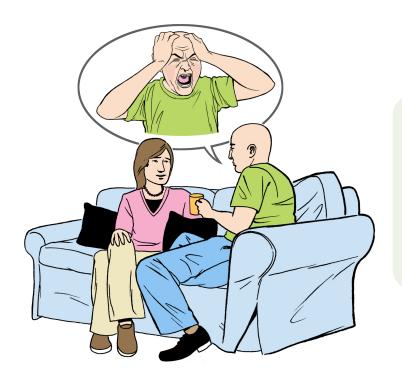
 not wanting to be with other people



bad about yourself



• angry.



It is very important that you talk to someone about how you feel. They can help you get the support you need.



How Macmillan can help you

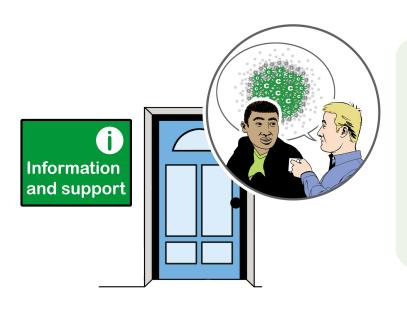


You can get support from:

The Macmillan Support Line.
 Call 0808 808 00 00 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.



 The Macmillan website. Visit macmillan.org.uk for lots of information about cancer and living with cancer.



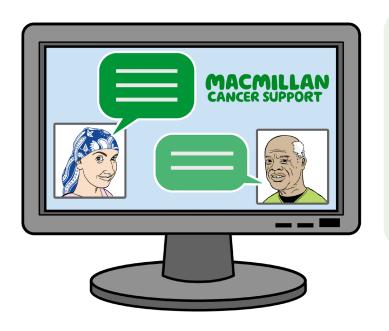
 Information centres. At an information centre, you can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information.



Find your nearest centre
at macmillan.org.uk/
informationcentres or call us.
Your hospital might have a
centre.



Local support groups.
 Find a group near you
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The Macmillan Online
 Community. You can talk
 to other people in similar
 situations at macmillan.org.
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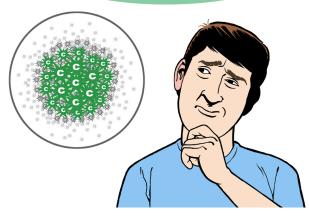
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There are booklets on lots of topics:



About Macmillan

 How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you



About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?

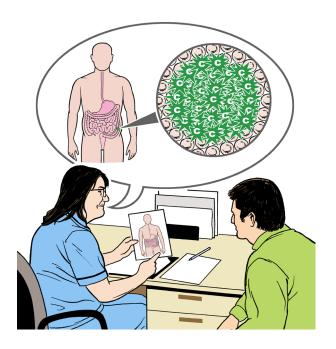


Signs and symptoms

- Breast care for women
- Cervical screening
- How to check your balls (testicles)
- Screening for cancer
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer







Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safe sex
- Stop smoking

Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray

Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer



Living with cancer

- 7 steps to equal healthcare
- After treatment for cancer
- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings
- Things that are important to me
- Work and cancer
- Your feelings and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer



End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Getting ready to die
- If you are dying from cancer
- Making decisions about the future if you are dying
- Spirituality and religion at the end of life
- The end of life
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying



After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Grief and loss when someone dies
- How you may feel when someone dies
- What can help you feel better when someone dies

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More information and resources



Macmillan website

There is lots of information about cancer at macmillan.org.uk



Booklets about cancer

You can order booklets about cancer from

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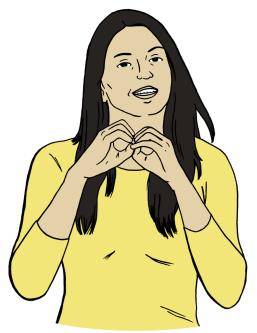
Videos

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Audio

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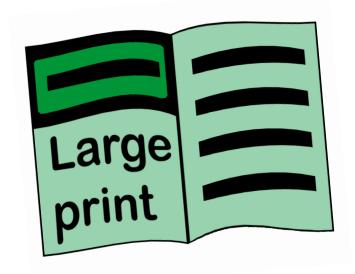
British Sign Language (BSL)

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eBooks

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Braille

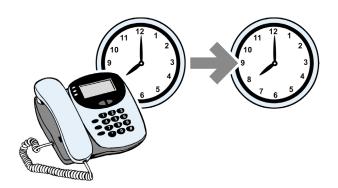
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This booklet is about cancer.

It is for anyone who has a learning disability or who finds easier words and pictures helpful. If you have more questions about cancer or would like to talk to us, call the Macmillan Support Line.



Call us free on:

0808 808 00 00

7 days a week from 8am to 8pm.



 If you use a textphone, you can call the Macmillan Support Line using the Next Generation Text (NGT) service by dialling

18001 0808 808 00 00



 Or go to the website macmillan.org.uk

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