

Specialist nurses in the Trust

Smooth pathway for the patient

- easier access to diagnosis and treatment
- link with primary care and GP
- central point of contact for patients



Nurse-led projects

- continuity of care for patients
- sees the same person who knows them and their condition



Support for patients and families

- telephone help line
- email access
- support groups
- education programmes
- developing and providing information
- represent patients

The role of the specialist nurse

1. expert in clinical practice
2. education of staff and patients
3. research/audit and development
4. leadership

Prescribe drugs

- have undertaken additional training to prescribe drugs

Undertake specialist procedures

For example:

- advanced clinical assessment
- endoscopy
- insert central venous lines
- paracentesis

Provide evidence-based care

- research projects
- specialist knowledge
- develop protocols for care
- develop national links within the speciality

