

**East Midlands Kidney Cancer Support Group**  
in association with  
**Kidney Cancer UK, NHS Lincolnshire & MacMillan Cancer Support**

## **Terms & Conditions**

The organisers of this East Midlands Kidney Cancer Support Group (Kidney Cancer UK, NHS Lincolnshire, Macmillan Cancer Support) look forward to welcoming you to our group.

This East Midlands Kidney Cancer Support Group is a closed support group exclusively for people who have had a diagnosis of kidney cancer, their family members or friends, or carers in the East Midlands area. The criterion for joining this group is that the patient is being treated in the East Midlands which, in this case includes Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland and Peterborough.

### **How to join**

You must register to join and answer all four questions.

1. What is your connection with kidney cancer  
(*Patient, Carer, Family member, friend*)
2. If you are a patient, what is the stage of your kidney cancer?
3. What county in the UK are you from?
4. What hospital is the patient being treated at?

Failure to answer all questions will mean your request to join will be rejected.

Initially we are limiting numbers to 20 per meeting but, depending on demand, we may add more meetings into a month.

This group is an open forum and matters may be discussed that some members may find distressing or upsetting. We will moderate the group to avoid such scenarios, but the organisers are not responsible.

The purpose of this being a closed group is to create a safe space for people to share their experiences and concerns and find support from others in their position. Please be aware that this means you will see posts from people who have not yet had a formal diagnosis, those who have just been diagnosed, those who are awaiting or undergoing treatment as well as those who are survivors of their cancer and/or living with cancer.

### **Guidance when in the group**

We have a set of published rules that must be adhered to at all times, and you can read them [HERE](#). But generally, please be polite, courteous, understanding and helpful at all times – be nice and treat others as you would like to be treated. All information shared in this group must be treated as confidential. Anyone sharing

information outside of this group, without prior agreement, spamming threads or acting in a way not befitting the spirit of the group will be removed.

The opinions shared in this group and by its members are not the opinions of the group Organisers.

Any advice received from other members in this group should not be taken as a replacement for professional medical advice from a doctor or healthcare practitioner.

### **Don't Live in the East Midlands?**

If you wish to join a closed group like this but the patient is **not** being treated in the East Midlands, Kidney Cancer UK provide four other closed Facebook groups specialising in specific points in the kidney cancer journey for those being treated in the whole of the UK. These groups are:

#### **General Kidney Cancer UK Patient Support Group:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/kcuksupportgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kcuksupportgroup)

NOTE: *You must be a member of this main group before applying for the groups below.*

#### **Carers:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/kcukcarers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kcukcarers)

#### **Surgical patients:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/kcuksurgerysupportgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kcuksurgerysupportgroup)

#### **Metastatic patients:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/kcukmetastaticgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/kcukmetastaticgroup)

Have you been told you might have kidney cancer? Do you think you have symptoms of kidney cancer?

If you have been told that you might have kidney cancer by a health professional, there are many helpful resources on the Kidney Cancer UK website and their health professionals are available on a free Support Line on 0800 002 9002 for support if you need them. If you think you may have symptoms of kidney cancer, please visit your GP at the earliest opportunity - the symptoms usually associated with kidney cancer can be signs of many other conditions, so you are likely to need tests before a diagnosis can be made.

### **Are you a healthcare professional?**

If you are a healthcare professional working with kidney cancer patients, this is not the group for you. We have a Facebook healthcare professional closed peer support group, an ideal place for you to share best practice and meet fellow professionals (please note, this page is not for patients) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KCHealthProSupportgroup/> .

### **New Members**

To join the group, you **MUST** answer all questions **AND** tick the box to agree to the rules. Failure to do this will automatically result in any request being declined. This is to ensure everyone in the group is here for the right reason and to support each other. This is a closed group, and as such please do not use Facebook to invite someone to join as they may not get the opportunity to answer the questions and such requests will be declined - if existing members wish to ask family or friends to join they can do so, but the prospective members must apply themselves in the usual way.