# Pancreatic Cancer; support for you & your patients

## Supporting Health Care Professionals



### **Health Professional Support and Information Bulletin**



By joining our bulletin you will:

- •Hear about the latest pancreatic cancer updates
- •Be the first to hear about our upcoming events
- •Find out about and order free copies of new and updated pancreatic cancer publications

https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/health-professionals/health-professional-support-and-information-bulletin/

### New hub on pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)

Visit our new hub for resources on pancreatic cancer and PERT, including our short online course endorsed by the British Dietetic Association and the Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and guides for health professionals and patients.

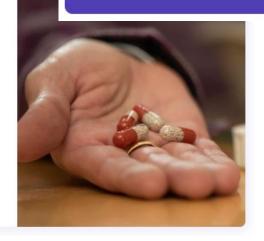
Visit our PERT Hub

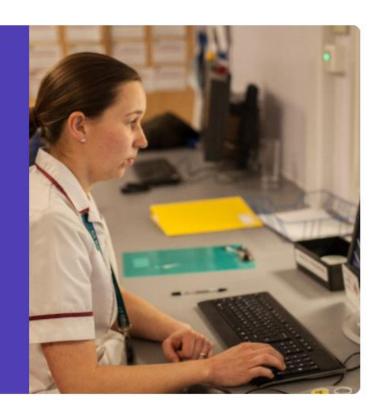
### PERT training - Online course

A health professional's guide to pancreatic cancer and PERT, endorsed by the British Dietetic Association and Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Free | 30 – 45 minutes

Take our short course





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### Take our new Introduction to pancreatic cancer online course

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- Part one shares the **symptoms**, **risk factors and diagnosis** of pancreatic cancer. Sign up to the course now.
- Part two discusses the **surgical and non-surgical treatment options** for pancreatic cancer. Take the course now.
- Part three explores **symptom management** for pancreatic cancer such as pain, fatigue, diet and the psychological impact. Start the course now.

This course is designed for all healthcare professionals with no or limited experience of pancreatic cancer, or those looking for a refresher.

Each part of the course will take approximately 30 – 40 minutes to complete (dependent on existing knowledge) and you will receive a CPD certified course certificate upon completion.

To be one of the first to hear about future launches, sign up to our Health Professional Support & Information Bulletin.

Take the course now

### **Webinars**

Pain management within pancreatic cancer | 27th September, 9.30am-11.30am | Virtual

PERT and pancreatic cancer | 22nd September, 9am-10.40am | Virtual

Personalised care in pancreatic

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Supporting patients with pancreatic cancer | 10th & 17th March 2022 | Virtual

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Diabetes and pancreatic cancer | 10th February 2022 | Virtual

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Dietetic management and pancreatic cancer | 2nd December 2021 | Virtual

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## Supporting those with Pancreatic cancer



Providing cancer patients with information helps patients with decision making, prepares them for treatment and helps them cope with adverse effects associated with it, reduces anxiety and depression, increases satisfaction with treatment, improves communication with family and improves quality of life

The National Cancer Patient Experience survey reports that access to information and support is poorer in pancreatic cancer than in other cancers



### **Publications**

### **New patient packs**

- A pack for people with operable pancreatic cancer (stage 1 or stage 2)
- A pack for people with inoperable pancreatic cancer (stage 3 or stage 4)

Diet Chemotherapy Surgery Stents Fatigue etc

Easy read options

https://publications.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/

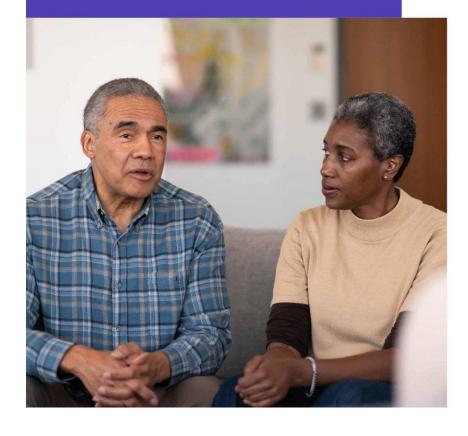


https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/support-for-you/side-by-side-support-for-before-and-after-surgery/



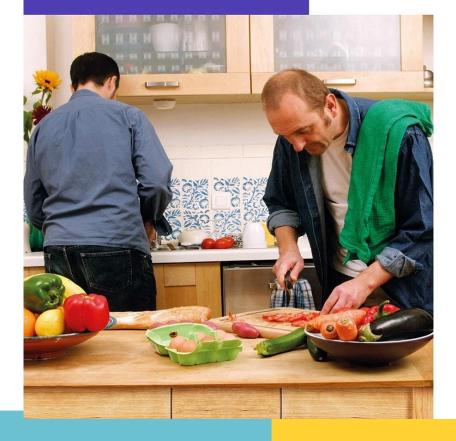
Pancreatic cancer that can be removed by surgery

A guide if you have just been diagnosed



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#### Diet and pancreatic cancer





# How to manage problems with digestion using pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)

This fact sheet is for anyone who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Your family may also find it helpful. It explains how to manage problems with digestion, which are common if you have pancreatic cancer.

The pancreas plays an important role in digestion, as it produces enzymes that help to break down the food we eat. Nutrients from the food are then absorbed into the blood and used by the body. Pancreatic cancer and surgery to remove the cancer can reduce the number of enzymes your pancreas makes. This means that you can't digest your food properly, so the nutrients in the food aren't absorbed. This is called **malabsorption**.

These digestion problems can be managed by capsules that replace the enzymes your pancreas would normally make. This is called **pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)**. This fact sheet explains how to take PERT.

Speak to your dietitian, doctor or nurse for support with digestion problems and PERT.



You can also speak to our specialist nurses on our confidential Support Line. Call free on 0808 801 0707 or email nurse@pancreaticcancer.org.uk

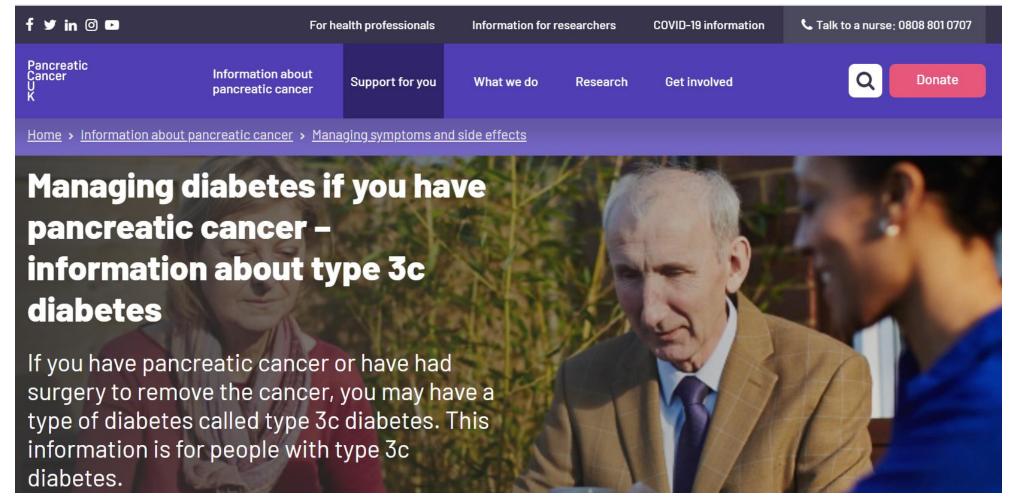
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You don't have to face pancreatic cancer alone

Let us help you and your family today.



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https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/information/managing-symptoms-and-side-effects/diabetes-with-pancreatic-cancer/



### Diet after a stent or bypass surgery

This page has information on managing your diet after a stent or bypass surgery.

https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/information/treatmentsfor-pancreatic-cancer/stents-and-bypass-surgery/diet-after-astent-or-bypass-surgery/

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### Stents and bypass surgery for pancreatic cancer

This fact sheet is for people with pancreatic cancer who are having a stent or bypass surgery. These treatments help symptoms caused by the cancer blocking the bile duct or duodenum. Family members may also find it helpful. It describes what the treatments involve, possible side effects, how they can affect your diet, and recovering afterwards.

#### Contents

What are stents and bypass surgery used for?	
What are stents and when are they used?	
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Each hospital will do things slightly differently so use this fact sheet as a general guide. Ask your doctor or nurse for more information about your treatment.



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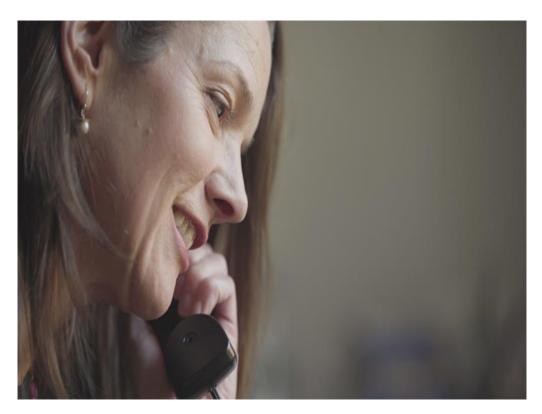
people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer will die **within a year** 

In contrast, only 3 in 10 people will die on average if diagnosed with one of the 20 common cancers

### Pancreatic Cancer U K

Pancreatic cancer and end of life care Information for people in the last few months, weeks or days of life





### **Support line**

We are here to support and listen. Our free and confidential Pancreatic Cancer UK Support Line is a lifeline for thousands of patients, families and friends. Our specialist nurses understand the issues you might be facing and will support you in coping with pancreatic cancer.

0808 801 0707 Weekdays 9am - 4pm nurse@pancreaticcancer.org.uk

### **Virtual Support Sessions**

100% of people who have given us feedback said they would recommend attending one of our online support sessions to someone else who is diagnosed, or supporting someone, with pancreatic cancer.

- Managing Symptoms
- Managing Nutrition and Pancreatic Enzymes
- Managing Chemotherapy
- Family, Friends and Carers' Cuppa
- Cuppa



https://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/support-for-you/living-with-pancreatic-cancer-support-sessions/



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