

Paclitaxel as albumin-bound nanoparticles with gemcitabine for untreated metastatic pancreatic cancer

Information for the public

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Paclitaxel as albumin-bound nanoparticles (nab-paclitaxel; Abraxane), with gemcitabine, is available on the NHS. It is a possible treatment for untreated metastatic pancreatic cancer in adults if:

- other combination chemotherapy is unsuitable and
- they would otherwise have gemcitabine alone.

If you are not eligible for nab-paclitaxel but are already taking it, you should be able to continue until you and your doctor decide when best to stop.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. Read more about [making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

[NHS Choices](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Cancer Research UK Patient Information](#) (previously CancerHelp UK), 0808 800 4040
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), 0808 808 0000
- [Pancreatic Cancer Action](#), 0303 040 1770
- [Pancreatic Cancer UK](#), 0808 801 1707

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