

# Patient Experience

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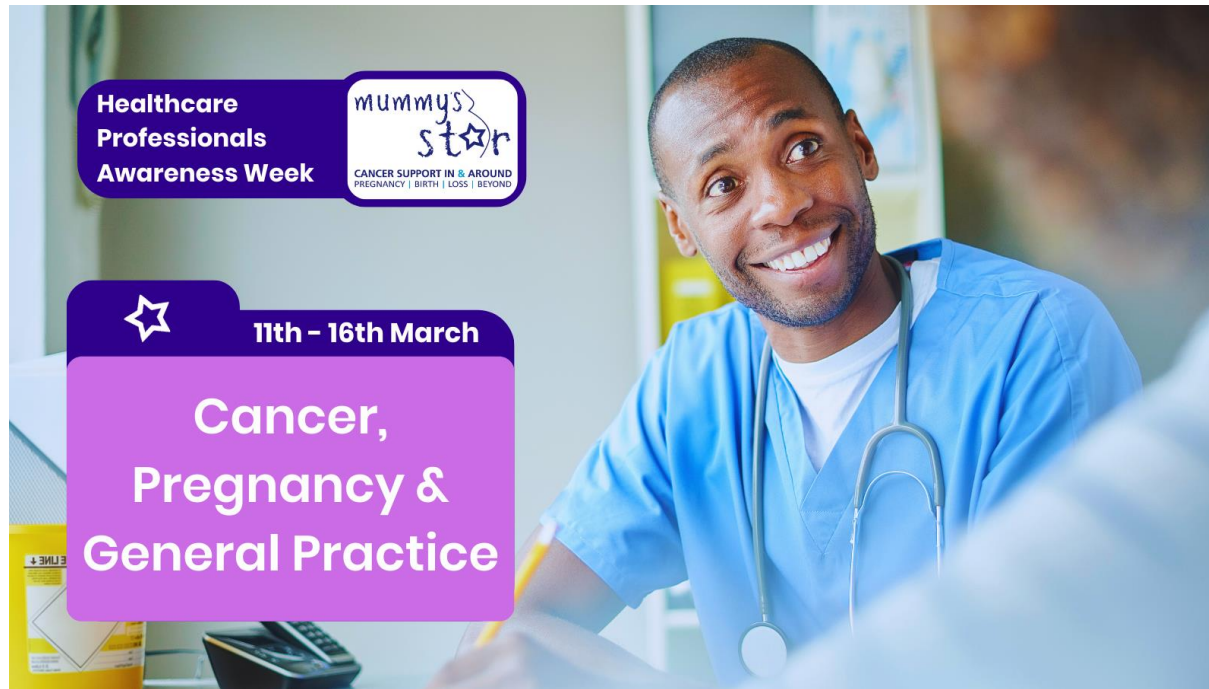
# Cancer in Pregnancy

## Challenges in diagnosis

- Women attribute symptoms to changes due to pregnancy/postpartum
- Health professionals attribute symptoms to changes due to pregnancy/postpartum
- Lack of awareness about what investigation/treatment is possible in pregnancy and breast feeding

## Actions

- Treat all symptoms as you would in a non-pregnant woman
- Safety net clearly
- Trust patient's instinct – especially second or subsequent pregnancy
- Be proactive in offering support
- Cancer Care Review and Postnatal check



- Peer support
- Financial grants
- Support worker
- Bereavement support
- Education

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