

Clinical Haematology - chemotherapy

Introduction

You have been referred to commence chemotherapy treatment. You will receive patient information leaflets for the type of chemotherapy treatment from your consultant or the Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialists at your clinic appointment. Below outlines the process prior to commencing chemotherapy treatment.

Guidance for Patients

Once you attend your appointment where chemotherapy treatment is initially discussed you will be given Macmillan patient information leaflet on the chemotherapy regime that has been recommended. You will then be invited back to see the consultant to be consented for the treatment to go ahead.

At your consent appointment the consultant will confirm that you have read the patient information leaflet and go through any questions you may have. If you are agreeable to go ahead with treatment they will then ask you to sign a consent form which confirms your permission to go ahead and organise appointments to get treatment underway.

The next appointment you will have will be a holistic assessment with one of the Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialists who will then go over the details of the chemotherapy regime with you including any potential side effects, how many cycles are planned and also outline the timings for the treatment which include outpatient appointments, blood tests and COVID swabs prior to each cycle.

The nurses will provide you with a Just In Case pack which you must take with you if you have to attend hospital ie A&E visits so that they are aware you are on current chemotherapy treatment.

Intravenous chemotherapy treatments are administered in the Aylesford Unit at Warwick Hospital or The Rigby Unit at Stratford Hospital. Oral chemotherapy treatments can be taken at home.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you experience any side effects that you are concerned about whilst receiving chemotherapy treatment please contact the Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialists or if out of hours attend A&E or contact your GP out of hours provider.

Contact Us

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