

## Clinical Oncology - 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 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 chemotherapy nurses to undertake a holistic assessment to be consented for the treatment to go ahead.

The holistic assessment will be held with one of the senior chemotherapy nurses 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. If you are agreeable to commencing with chemotherapy they will then ask you to sign the consent form for the treatment.

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 Acute Oncology Service or if out of hours attend A&E or contact your GP out of hours provider.

### Contact Us

Acute Oncology Service:      01926 495321 (switchboard) then ask to speak to the acute oncology nurse on call