

Travelling from Out of Town

SHUTTLE SERVICE

The majority of patients are from outside of Palmerston North. There is a shuttle service provided by the Cancer Society for patients from Hawkes Bay and Taranaki. If you choose to use the shuttle, please inform the Linac receptionist on your first day of treatment.

Appointment times may not be ideal for travelling home on the weekends with the Shuttle Service. As a result, travel on the shuttles may not always be possible.

Please do not book your shuttle or weekend transport until you have your appointments.

TIMES

The shuttle times are as follows and will not leave before these times:

Hawkes Bay:

- Leave Palmerston North on Fri by 1.30pm.
- Arrive Palmerston North on Mon at 11.30am.

Taranaki:

- Leave Palmerston North on Fri at midday.
- Arrive Palmerston North on Mon at midday.

CONTACT DETAILS

- Taranaki Cancer Society (06) 758 5644.
- Hawkes Bay Cancer Society (06) 876 7638.

We do try to provide out-of-town patients with a morning appointment time for Friday and an afternoon appointment for Monday. Please don't come up early on Fridays to try to get in earlier than your appointment time as usually we cannot accommodate this due to the heavily booked treatment machines.

If you have an urgent circumstance that requires a change of appointment, please contact a staff member.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

If you are staying at home during your treatment, and are unable to drive yourself to your treatment appointment, you may be eligible to use the volunteer driver service. Co-ordinated by the Cancer Society, a volunteer will take you to your treatment appointment and home again.

The volunteer driver service is available in the following locations: Palmerston North, Levin, Foxton, Shannon, Otaki, Feilding, Sanson and Wanganui. A Health Shuttle also operates daily from Dannevirke and Levin.

MORE INFORMATION

If you wish to find out more about the volunteer driver or Health Shuttle service, please contact our Linac receptionist on (06) 350 8142.

BRIGHTWATER

Brightwater is a residential aged-care facility situated within a few blocks of Palmerston North Hospital. The

Regional Cancer Treatment Service has an agreement with them to provide stage two rest home care for people who require assistance with daily self-care activities.

Accommodation at Brightwater is arranged and managed by the radiation therapy nursing staff.

OZANAM HOUSE

Patients travel from throughout the lower North Island to have radiation therapy in Palmerston North. Ozanam

House provides accommodation for patients and their carer for the duration of treatment, if you are from a designated out of town area. It is often referred to as a "home away from home". Guests are encouraged to treat the house as their own home. Bookings for Ozanam House are made through the regional clinics and the radiation oncology booking co-ordinator, prior to the commencement of treatment.

