

CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT

When you begin your outpatient treatment, the nurse treating you will introduce his or herself and bring you through to the treatment room. We recommend that you bring a support person with you for your initial education and request you limit that support person to one only during the your treatment.

Education will be given by a registered nurse, to discuss the possible side effects and management of the treatment. This will assist you to understand how you should take your pre and post treatment medications to reduce side effects. Your consent to treatment will be sought.

An intravenous cannula (IV drip) will be inserted for the length of treatment will depend on the chemotherapy prescribed. If you feel unwell at anytime during your treatment please alert a nurse.

At the end of your treatment, your nurse will ensure that you have your next appointment and blood forms. You should also have contact numbers to call if you have any questions



or are worried about how you are feeling. There may be many people being treated at the same time as you. Due to space and privacy issues, we are unable to accommodate more than one support person in the treatment room. Support people are welcome to wait in the waiting room/lounge where coffee and tea facilities are provided. No babies/children are allowed in the treatment area.

You are able to eat and drink during your treatment. We recommend that you bring in drinks and snacks as these are not provided in the unit. Tea and coffee service are provided at morning tea and afternoon tea time. Your support person may enter the unit to bring you tea and coffee outside these times.

Prior to each cycle of treatment you will be reviewed by a doctor. It is important to discuss any side effects with the doctor. Please ask for repeats of medication at this time. If this is not done, you will have to go to your General Practitioner to get the required scripts.

At the end of your treatment, you may be booked for a follow up appointment with your specialist or with your surgeon.