Chemotherapy orientation for Manukau Infusion Centre



Prepared by Date



- During this time of Corona Virus and the frequently changing alert levels, please be assured we are still here to look after you and your cancer treatment needs.
- You may be asked a few screening questions at the front door prior to attending the Infusion Centre
- If you have symptoms of sore throat, fever, cough please phone ahead.

Monday – Friday 8am-4pm ring "ACUTES" 09 3074949 extn 23826

Welcome to your Oncology (cancer) Treatment Orientation





Karakia - Opening Prayer



Wahia i te uru tapu nui a Taane Ka tau mai i runga Kia tau mai ki raro Kia uru ko te hau a Taane Ka puta ki te wheiao Ki te Ao Maarama Tihei mauri ora

Clear the sacred path of Taane
May his essence from above settle within
May his essence from below settle within
May the breath of life settle
From the glimmer of dawn
To the bright light of the day
There is life

This short karakia speaks of Taane or Taane Mahuta who was the giver of life. In this karakia we ask for Taane to breathe life within those who will recite it, blessing them and ensuring that they are protected with the wellness of Taane.

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome



These slides will cover

- What to expect on your treatment days
- Information about cancer, it's treatment and side effects.
- Safety
- Support
- You will be given an information pack to take away either at your in person orientation, or on your first treatment day





Manukau Health Park Directions



Street Address:

901 Great South Road

Manurewa

Auckland

Bus Services

Daily bus services operate regularly through the day. The bus stop is located directly outside the main entrance to Manukau Health Park on Great South Road.

For further bus information, see *https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/*, or phone **09-366 6400** or toll-free on **0800 10 30 80** if outside the local calling area.

Driving Directions

The Super*Clinic* is easily accessible from the southern motorway.

Southern Motorway:

Southbound: Redoubt Road exit then left onto

Great South Road

Northbound: Great South Road exit, then left onto Great South Road.

South-Western Motorway:

From either direction: Lambie Drive exit, then Druces Road, Kerrs, Road and right onto Great South Road.

Manukau Health Park





Manukau Surgery Centre





Manukau Surgery Centre reception









Our infusion room





Before each treatment



You will need to see the Doctor or Nurse Practitioner a day or so prior to every treatment. Please ring your scheduler if you have any questions about your appointment. (You will be given a coloured card at your first treatment appointment, with your schedulers phone number on it.



You will need a
Blood test – you
can do this at any
community lab.

During this period of concern around COVID virus we will be conducting telephone assessments for some people a day or so before their treatment. If this is you, we will let you

know about the appointment by letter or by telephone

Treatment process

- This is what happens on the day of treatment
- C O U N T I E S MANUKAU H E A L T H

- Check in at reception
- A nurse will collect you
- You are welcome to bring a support person (please check first in case of Covid-19 alert level restrictions)
- We suggest you bring a book or an electronic device with headphones
- The nurse will put in an IV line (or access your PICC or Port-a-Cath)
- The nurse will give you anti-nausea medications
- Your treatment will be checked with two nurses and yourself
- Before leaving you will be given instructions for at home

To note:

- Treatment time varies between individuals
- You may wish to bring your own food and drink, although tea / Coffee / Sandwiches will be provided for patients.

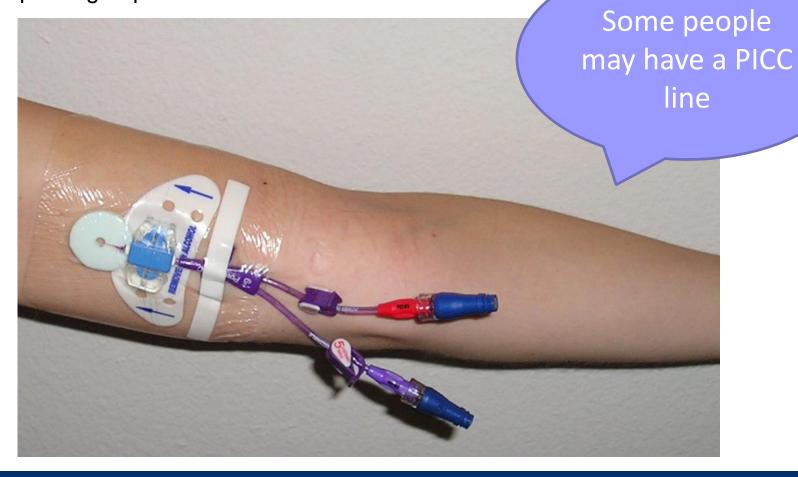




PICC line

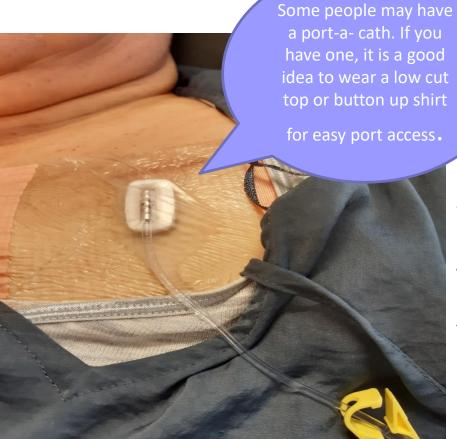


A PICC line is a type of intravenous (IV) access that can be used for a prolonged period of time



Port-a-cath





A port is a small chamber that sits under the skin and is connected to a vein.

The nurse places a small needle into the chamber and attaches a drip to deliver your treatment

Echocardiogram (echo)



 You may also be asked to have an echocardiogram (echo) procedure at various stages before and during treatment

 This is a simple and painless ultrasound scan of your heart

 If you are referred for this, you will be contacted by our Cardiac Investigation Unit to arrange a time.

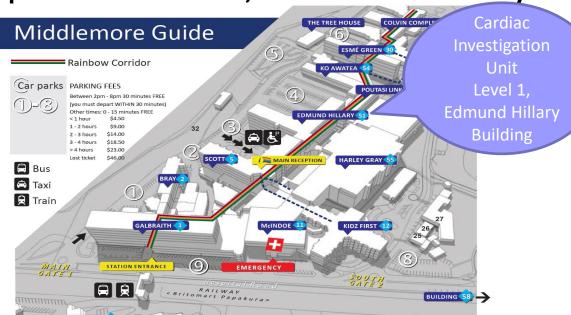
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This can be done at one of the following locations:

Middlemore Hospital – Level 1, Edmund Hillary

Building



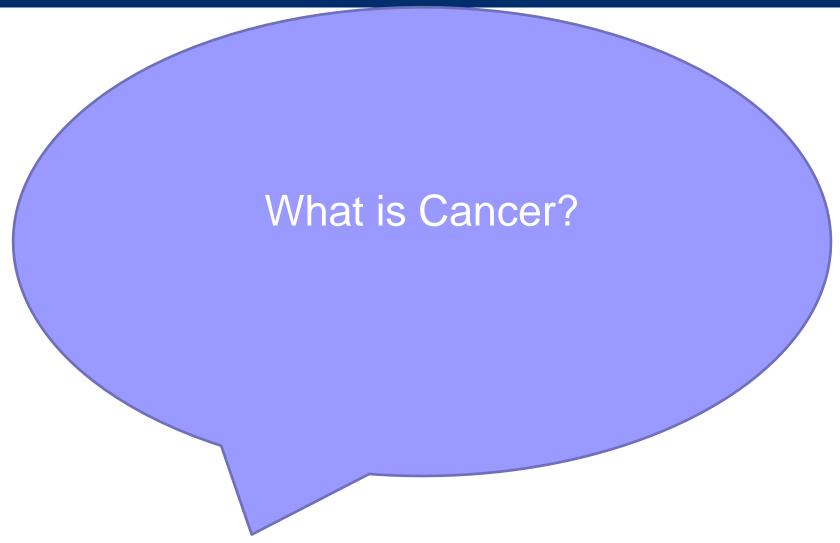
- Or at Module 7A, Manukau Super Clinic
- One of the team will contact you to arrange this.



Next we will talk about cancer, it's treatment and the side effects of treatment.

But first....







- Our bodies are made up of millions of cells which normally are renewed in a controlled way, and we remain healthy.
- Sometimes this control is lost and the cells keep duplicating themselves. A solid group of these cells is called a tumour.
- Malignant tumour cells may travel to lymph nodes or through blood to other parts of the body.



- This spread of a cancer from one organ to another organ or part of the body not directly connected with it is called metastasis or metastatic cancer. Not all cancers are metastatic.
- There are over 100 different types of cancer.
- Cancer is not contagious and cannot spread from person to person
- Each person's cancer has a different cause, prognosis, treatment and care need.

Treatment of cancer with medicines



- There are different ways of treating cancer with medicines:
 - Chemotherapy
 - Immunotherapy
 - Targeted therapy

Sometimes these medicines can be combined with Radiation.

Now we will talk about the treatment

Chemotherapy



- The treatment of cancer using drugs
- Chemotherapy stops cancer cells from dividing
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Side-effects of Chemotherapy

Numbness, tingling and hearing

changes



Many of these side effects can be managed, please don't hesitate to tell us or your doctor how things are going when you are receiving the treatment

Hair loss Fever and infection Forgetfulness and **Fatigue** chemo brain Sore mouth Hot flushes and Nausea and early menopause vomiting Digestive changes Contraception and fertility Sexual dysfunction Itchy skin and other skin problems Changes to bone marrow

There is usually something we can do to help

Chemotherapy effects all

fast dividing cells

We will talk more about side-effects when we see you in person

Immunotherapy



 Immunotherapy is a type of cancer treatment that helps your own immune system to fight cancer

e.g. Pembrolizamab and Nivolomab



Side effects of Immunotherapy



Common side-effects Less common side-effects Headache, change in vision, yellowish Dry irritated eyes Thyroid-related issues Shortness of breath and coughing Diarrhoea, bloody stools, abdominal pain and bloating Severe abdominal pain and dark urine Skin rashes on the body Pain in the joints

Immunotherapy can cause your immune system to be overactive resulting in flu-like symptoms

Once again, please tell us if you have any side-effects, so we can help

Any new symptom on immunotherapy warrants a phone call

Targeted Therapy



Some people have targeted therapy

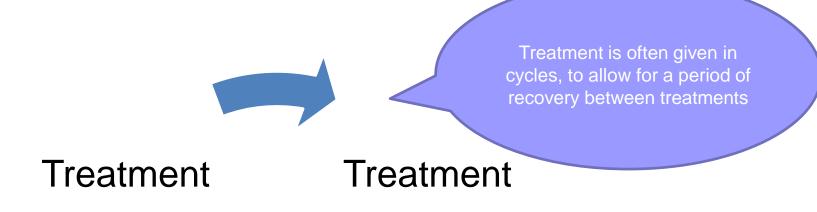
- Drugs target specific mutations or specific proteins within the cancer cell.
 - e.g trastuzumab (Herceptin). Pertuzumab
 - e.g. Erlotinib

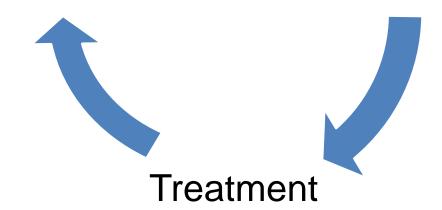
 These therapies target cancer cells, but some normal healthy cells can also be affected.

Once again, we can help!

Treatment Cycles







Side Effects



Every individual is different



- You won't get all the side-effects described
- Ask for help

Please look out...



- If your temperature is 38°C or greater
- If you have nausea/vomiting/diarrhea that isn't controlled
- If you feel unwell or have any side effect that concerns you

When to seek help

Monday – Friday 8am-4pm ring "ACUTES" 09 3074949 extn 23826

Out of these hours present to your nearest emergency department.

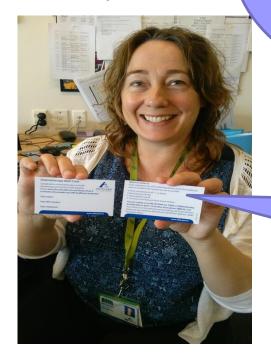
Or ring Health-line 0800 611 116

How to seek help



- Oncology Acutes
- Health line
- Nurse Specialist
- Cancer Society Nurse

In your information pack you will find a white card which has the relevant contact numbers . This pack will be issued either at your in-person orientation, or at your first treatment.



Write your NHI (hospital number) on this card – so the information is handy.

Middlemore Hospital Emergency Department





Auckland Hospital Oncology Acute Unit





Oncology Acute Unit





Acute Unit Reception





Clinical Nurse Specialist - CNS



Your CNS is a central point of contact for you and can:

At your first appointment you will have been given the contact card for your Nurse Specialist.

- Ensure you have the information you need about your illness, investigations,
- procedures and treatment.
- Can spend time with you to talk about your illness and the treatment offered.
- Can provide support, advice and help with your concerns and questions.
- Can provide you with information about, or link you with, other services and professionals in the hospital and in the community.
- Coordinate your care by liaising with other services and health professionals.
- Provide support to manage symptoms of treatment at home.

This is what they do..

Cancer Support Team



Message from the Cancer Support Team

- Living with uncertainty, adjusting to a cancer diagnosis, and coping with treatment, can all be very stressful.
- Coping can be even harder when there are challenges at home.
- Our team of psychologists and social workers are here to help.
- We can provide practical and emotional support for you and your family as you deal with diagnosis or go through cancer treatment.



We hope these slides help to make you feel welcome, and answer some of your questions.
We will always be keen to answer any other questions you may have, when we see you next.



In the mean-time here are some good on-line resources

- Introduction to Cancer and Blood Service ADHB
 - https://www.adhb.health.nz/our-services/a-z-services/oncology/
- Cancer society NZ
 - https://auckland-northland.cancernz.org.nz/
- EVIQ
 - https://www.eviq.org.au/
- Macmillan Cancer Support
 - https://www.macmillan.org.uk/



Cancer Society Auckland Northland



Call 0800 CANCER (226 237)

Cancer Society in Auckland is based at Domain Lodge,

1 Boyle Crescent, Grafton.

Across the road from Auckland City Hospital, the Regional Cancer and Blood service and the Auckland Domain.

Who we are and what we do: Free services

Community Nursing Service: Support getting through treatment

A Cancer Society nurse will attempt to make phone contact with you. We work closely with the hospital and can provide additional support.

Psychological Service: Emotional support

Cancer Society psychologists can provide support for those with a cancer diagnosis, supporters, and family/whanau.

Volunteer Service: Getting to treatment

Access to this service is via Cancer Society nursing team & eligibility criteria apply.

NOTE: During any COVID 19 lockdowns our nurses and psychologists will still be able to contact you by phone.

