

## **Regional Cancer Care Northwest Referral Process**

### **REFERRAL OF NEW PATIENT for HEMATOLOGY SERVICES**

#### **REFERRAL PROCESS**

Hematology Services are provided for the residents of Northwestern Ontario through Regional Cancer Care Northwest (RCC-NW) at Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre (TBRHSC) in Thunder Bay. Referrals are faxed from physicians in Thunder Bay and the region for their patients requiring a hematology consultation. Access to Hematology Services is through physician referral only.

Referrals should be sent via fax and include a completed referral form and all supporting documentation to **(807) 346.8383**. The referral form can be found on the RCC-NW web page.

To assist with determining a **definitive diagnosis of Malignant Lymphoma**, you may refer your patient to the **Malignant Lymphoma Diagnostic Assessment Programs** (DAP). The referral form is available under Diagnostic assessment program heading or call 684-6943.

**Please note that any investigations completed at TBRHSC are not required as we will have access to the reports.**

Hematology Services are provided at RCC-NW Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30 through referral.

New patient visits are generally scheduled based on the urgency of the referral with an urgent condition scheduled immediately. We request that records of prior therapy, including scans, x-rays and pathology not completed at TBRHSC be included with your completed referral form. Please call (807) 684.7294 or toll free at 1.877.684.7223 for further information.

#### **TYPES of REFERRALS - INFORMATION**

##### **Hematologic Malignancies**

Hematology Services provide assessment and review of patients with hematologic malignancies, including acute and chronic Leukemia, Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, severe aplastic anemia, myelodysplasia, and myeloproliferative disorders. Referrals received for Hematologic malignancies will be seen with 2 weeks.

##### **Non-Malignant Hematologic Disorders**

Patients with benign (noncancerous) blood disorders, including monoclonal gammopathy, immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), polycythemia vera, anemias, may also be seen in the Hematology Clinic from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Iron deficiency anemia is not a hematologic disorder. It is very important to identify the cause of the iron deficiency which may require gastrointestinal or genitourinary investigations. We recommend iron replacement to fully replenish iron stores before a referral to Hematology services is made.

### Bleeding Disorders

Referrals are accepted for people with bleeding and thrombotic disorders, including hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, other rare bleeding disorders, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism and thrombocytopenia.

**It is expected that the patient has been informed of their diagnosis prior to this referral.**

Regional Cancer Care clerical staff contacts new patients by telephone a few days after the referral is made to provide further information about their first appointment. This may cause undue stress for newly diagnosed patients if they are unaware of their diagnosis.

### Guideline to laboratory investigations required

	CBC	Retics	LDH	Electrolytes	Magnesium/Calcium	Creatinine/BUN/Uric Acid	Immunoglobulins	Ionized Calcium	SPE Incl Immunofixan	FER (iron, TIBC, SAT)	LFT's (incl CDH)	PT Profile (INR)	PTT	ABO	B12	Folate
Hemachromatosis										X						
Increased Ferritin										X						
Von Willibrands	X										X	X	X	X		
Ristocetin Factor	X										X	X	X	X		
Factor VIII:C	X										X	X	X	X		
Multimers IF ABN	X										X	X	X	X		
PFA 100	X										X	X	X	X		
Anemia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X

To access a referral form for **HEMATOLOGY SERVICES** or **DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** services please return to the Regional Cancer Northwest web page.

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