

Cancer Treatment Helpline

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INFORMATION FOR AMBULANCE

If patient well on arrival or refusal to travel contact CTH number above



You should phone immediately if you have received treatment in the last 8 weeks & have:

- a temperature higher than 37.5°C or lower than 36°C
- any sign of infection (eg shivering episodes, flu like symptoms, chest infection)
- persistent nausea/vomiting and/or diarrhoea
- bleeding from your gums or nose or unusual bruising
- mouth ulcers that stop you eating or drinking
- been generally unwell
- any other problem you think may be related to your treatment

When you call you will be asked a number of questions which may seem unrelated to the reason for your call, but these ensure you receive the correct advice.

When calling it is helpful if:

- we speak directly to the patient
- you have checked your temperature
- you have the details of your last treatment
- you have plans in place if you require to attend hospital for assessment

Information for Healthcare Professionals:

This patient is at risk of severe chemotherapy complications including neutropenic sepsis

- Febrile neutropenic patients require **URGENT** inpatient treatment with IV antibiotics and fluid replacement (within one hour) as per the neutropenic sepsis algorithm
- Even if afebrile, patient is at risk of neutropenic sepsis and should be treated as above if unwell
- All patients who are unwell on chemotherapy should be assessed and considered for inpatient management

For further advice regarding management, please discuss with local oncology / haematology team