COVID-19 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
REGARDING CANCER PATIENTS

Please post this information in all Emergency Departments, Community Cancer Program (CCP) sites, and Urgent Care facilities in all Regional Health Authorities in Manitoba.

Background information:

- Cancer patients are more susceptible to COVID-19 due to inherent compromise of the immune system, including natural physiological and anatomic barriers;
- Cancer patients who acquire COVID-19 may be more susceptible to complications of their cancer treatment (i.e. febrile neutropenia, mucositis);
- The prognosis for cancer patients who acquire COVID-19 may be worse than in those who don’t have cancer;
- It is important to remember that cancer patients may have symptoms or complications due to cancer treatment that may either resemble or mask symptoms of COVID-19

Instructions for Health Care Providers:

For cancer patients who are on ACTIVE TREATMENT and/or ACTIVE FOLLOW-UP who are suspected of, being screened for, presumptively diagnosed with or confirmed with COVID-19:

Please contact the patient’s Primary Oncologist at CancerCare Manitoba who will provide further direction on managing these patients including decisions on whether or not to continue current treatment.

Contact information:

Daytime hours, Monday to Friday
CCMB direct or through HSC Paging at 204-787-2071

After Hours and Weekends
HSC Paging at 204-787-2071 –
Ask for the medical oncologist/hematologist/radiation oncologist/pediatric oncologist on call

If you are not able to reach anyone in a timely fashion, please page CCMB’s Chief Medical Officer at 204-932-6182.

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