

## YOUR INFUSION TREATMENT

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The Day Oncology and Infusion Service provides for the administration of medications (other than cytotoxic chemotherapy) and blood products, which are often used for the treatment or management of chronic illness.

The time you will need to spend at the Service will vary according to the type of infusion. You are welcome to call the Day Oncology and Infusion Service for an estimate of the time your treatment will take.

If you have any concerns or problems after your return home, please do not hesitate to contact your doctor or the Day Oncology and Infusion Service during business hours or the Medical Ward (1st Floor North) a Cabrini Brighton (Phone 9508 5582) after hours.

An experienced team of oncologists, haematologists, other medical specialists, nurses and allied practitioners ensure patients receive the highest quality care.

The Day Oncology and Infusion Service provides chemotherapy and infusion treatments for patients with cancer or other chronic illness.

Our patients are treated in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere housing 24 comfortable reclining chairs. The multi-disciplinary team caring for you play a significant role in minimising discomfort and offering support.

We strive to meet your emotional, physical and spiritual needs with expert and compassionate care.

Recognising the significance of these needs within your daily life, care will be delivered in a spirit of warmth, dignity and empathy.

## PRIOR TO YOUR TREATMENT

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Please follow the instructions of your doctor or care team prior to your treatment. Please eat and drink fluids as you would normally, unless otherwise advised by your doctor or care team.

A family member or carer is very welcome to accompany you.

On arrival please report to the Reception Desk at the Day Oncology and Infusion Service.

## Contact information

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Located at Cabrini Brighton the Day Oncology and Infusion Service is a modern, therapeutic environment offering chemotherapy and supportive treatments to the residents of the Bayside and surrounding districts.

## **YOUR CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

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Chemotherapy is the use of drugs called 'cytotoxics' which kill and/or inhibit the growth of cancer cells. Different drugs are used in various combinations depending on the type of cancer. Biological agents that target cancer cells are often used in combination with chemotherapy.

Prior to your first treatment, the nurse will give you information regarding the particular chemotherapy drugs your doctor has prescribed for you, possible side-effects and how to manage them.

Depending on the drug, chemotherapy can be given orally, intravenously (into a vein) or directly into a body cavity such as the bladder. The majority of treatments are given intravenously.

The time you spend for each session will vary according to the type of chemotherapy treatment. You are welcome to call the Day Oncology and Infusion Service for an estimate of the time your treatment will take.

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## **OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE**

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### **Dietician**

Specialist dieticians are available on an inpatient and outpatient basis to address nutritional requirements you may have.

### **Pastoral Services**

Pastoral Care staff are available as a support to you and your family or carer(s).

### **Social Work**

A Social Worker is available as a resource to support you and your family or carer(s).

### **Psycho-Oncology Service**

The Service supports patients, families and carers who are suffering significant distress as a result of their diagnosis. A range of treatments is available including counselling, clinical hypnosis and psychotherapy.

### **Breast Care Nurse**

The Breast Care Nurse can help patients by co-ordinating the many aspects of treatment, provide practical support, counselling and valuable information.

## **LIVING WITH CANCER**

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An eight week information/support program (two hours per week). Information about the program is available at Day Oncology Reception or ask your treating nurse.

## **LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER**

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Learn ways to enhance your appearance in a fun two-hour workshop. Details are available at the Day Oncology Reception.

There is a range of other support services and programs available in the community. Please ask the staff at the Day Oncology and Infusion Service.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **Parking**

The carpark can be accessed via Normanby Street or New Street. A parking fee applies.

### **Day Oncology & Infusion Service hours**

8.00 am – 6.00 pm Monday to Friday

### **Hospital Visiting hours**

2.00 pm – 7.45 pm

### **Terrace Café**

Hours 7.30 am – 3.00 pm

The Café serves a wide range of food and refreshments.

### **Prayer Room**

Available 24 hours a day, patients and visitors are welcome to enjoy the 'quiet heart' of the hospital.

### **Valuables**

We ask that patients do not bring personal valuables or large amounts of money to the hospital. Cabrini Brighton does not take responsibility for any loss.