

Assymptomatic Haematology / Oncology Patient who has been in contact with a COVID +ve person

Patient has been in contact with a COVID 19 positive person.

Is the patient due treatment during self-isolation period?

Yes

No

Is treatment going to continue?
Check with clinician and document decision on chemocare

Advise patient to isolate as per guidelines
After isolation period have COVID swab and if negative attend next cycle as planned.
Follow usual protocol on presentation of new symptoms that may indicate covid-19 infection or neutropenic sepsis – see below
If +ve to continue on red pathway

Yes

NO

Patient to be treated in a red room:

- Haematology Day Unit Brighton – phlebotomy room or handover room.
- PRH oncology haematology day unit : Side room/clinic room
- Sussex cancer centre – OPA trolley bay 1.

Nursing Team:

- ensure enhanced consent received re additional risk and document on chemocare
- Follow PPE guidance for treating high risk patients
- Encourage patient follows IPC guidelines especially in regards to shared toilet facilities

Coordinator/floordinator to consider:

- Is the red room free on date required?
- Where will patient have their pre-treatment bloods test taken?
- Room is reported for a deep clean after treatment.
- Continue to use Red room until patient is swab negative.
- Swab patient weekly until negative
- Bank staff booked / arrange for cover from CNS team to monitor patient – discuss in redeployment huddle or contact Cancer Matron (Sarah Randall or Lisa Thomas-Brooks) If no staff available – consider delay – inform clinician – raise to Lead cancer Nurse

Delay treatment until patient has completed the advised isolation period.
Even if patient has a negative COVID 19 swab before end of isolation period . This result will not change the 10 days self -isolation period or bring treatment forward.

- If patient develops COVID 19 symptoms, advise patient to arrange a swab via GOV.uk website.
- Ask patient to notify the unit if they get a positive COVID swab and to follow the pathway for a COVID positive patient.
- If patient has a temperature of 37.5c or above they still MUST call the 24 hour helpline for advice.
(? COVID related or ?neutropenic sepsis)
- Helpline nurse to follow neutropenic sepsis pathway.
- Nurse to inform A&E 2B area (Red zone) that the patient has been in contact with a COVID 19 positive patient.
Extension number: 64265/64419.
- Advise patient when they arrive at A&E to enter the department via the door marked 2B.
- Complete AO bamboo form.
- Inform patient’s consultant of A&E visit.