



In addition to treatments for cancer patients, the Infusion department of the Schwab Family Cancer Center provides a variety of infusion and injection services to area residents. The hours of operation are 7:00am- 6:00pm Monday through Friday and 8:00am – 4pm on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Parking is conveniently offered in front of the Cancer Center or Valet Parking is available Monday through Friday at the main entrance of the hospital.

The Infusion Room is designed for **stable patients** 18 years and older. Examples of treatments that can be provided include:

- Antibiotic Infusions
- Rhogam Injections (Those under age 18 will be scheduled in the Perinatal Unit.)
- Blood product transfusions
- IV Treatments/Hydration
- SQ and IM injections
- Follow-up Rabies Injections (If family involved includes children, injections for adults will be given in the ED so that children may remain with parents.)

Examples of treatments that are **not** performed in the Outpatient Infusion Area:

- Invasive procedures
- Placement of central venous access
- Insertion or removal of urinary catheter

Due to increasing regulatory requirements, the following information must be provided **prior to** scheduling an appointment:

1. Physician's order including diagnosis and diagnosis code.
2. Copy of current insurance card/s.
3. Copy of authorization number.
4. Documentation supporting medical necessity

Please fax all requested information to 240-964-1469. After all records are received, we will then make an appointment for the patient.

- If packed cells are ordered for HGB above 8.0, rationale for transfusion must be documented on the order.

- If antibiotics are required more than once daily, arrangements for home infusions will need to be made **or** the physician can write the order for 2 doses to be given during business hours (first and last appointment of the day).
- For treatments requiring prior labs, such as serum trough, H&H, type and cross match, etc., please inform the patient to have the labs drawn at least two hours prior to the scheduled appointment time to allow for reporting of results and preparation of the medication or blood product
- Only labs directly related to the scheduled treatment and requiring a nurse to draw from an established venous access will be drawn in the Infusion area. All peripheral labs and unrelated labs should be directed to an outpatient lab site.
- Please arrange PICC line placements for patients who have poor venous access or who will be receiving repeated doses of a medication over a long period of time **PRIOR** to the start of treatment if at all possible.
- Generally, we limit any total treatment time to no more than five hours in order to ensure that we can provide daily treatment to as many patients as possible. Therefore, patients who are ordered multiple treatments at one time (i.e. two units of packed cells and platelets) may have the treatments provided over two days.
- Nursing home patients and other patients who are unable to meet their own basic care and toileting needs or are confused **must** be accompanied by a care provider or family member who can assist them with their needs.
- Per hospital policy, orders for treatment will not be accepted unless written or co-signed by a physician with privileges at WMHS.

**To Schedule Appointments call: 240-964-1457 (For office use only. Patients should call 240-964-1400)**

**After 5:00 p.m. MonFri and on weekends please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you the following day.**

If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at 240-964-1444.

Sincerely,

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