

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Oncology/Hematology Long Term Follow-Up Program!

There has been significant progress in treating children with cancer and survivors can expect to have a normal life span. Why then do we keep seeing survivors in clinic after their treatment is complete? Most people think it is to check that the cancer is not coming back. This is true for the beginning of follow-up. However, as time passes, the focus of the visits changes from checking for recurrence to thinking about any possible long term problems that may have been caused by the treatment.

You will continue to be seen in the Long Term Follow-Up Clinic for years after treatment. This will be at least until your child is 18 to 21 years of age and 5 years off treatment.

### **Your Long Term Follow-Up Team**

#### **Nurses:**

**Angela Pretula** cares for patients once they are 2 years off treatment until approximately 16 years of age.

**Marion Nelson** cares for patients from the age of 16 and a minimum of 2 years off treatment. She will continue to see them until they are transitioned into Adult Health Care.

#### **Booking Clerk:**

The LTFU booking clerk books your child's Long Term Follow-Up appointments and coordinates them with other departments that your child may have appointments with.

#### **What I Need to Know**

The Long Term Follow-Up Clinics are held every Tuesday (1pm-4pm) and Thursday (1pm-330pm).

Each Oncologist has one or two designated Follow-Up clinic days per month which they are available to see their patients. There may be times when your Oncologist will not be able to see your child on their Follow-Up day. In this case, one of our other doctors will see him/her.

### **Appointments**

In general, you will be notified of your child's appointment(s) about 1 or 2 months prior to the booked time.

It is difficult to reschedule appointments because of the limited number of spaces available for the Follow-Up clinic. Please make every effort to keep your appointments, or call in advance to reschedule/cancel.

Please call at **(604) 875-2345 ext.7096** to confirm, cancel or reschedule your appointment. **(Toll-free at 1-888-300-3088 ext.7096)**

**Where do I go?**

Always check-in on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Teck acute care centre. At this time, you will be given any necessary paper work.

Once any testing ordered by the Oncologist is complete (ie. Blood work, PFT, ECG/Echo, MRI, etc...) you will head over to the Long Term Follow-Up area (unless you are directed otherwise). This is in the Ambulatory Care Building (Module 7).

When you arrive at Module 7, you will sign in on the clipboard and have a seat. The Follow-Up nurses will come get you for an assessment before seeing your Oncologist.

You will be notified by phone or email as to when your next appointment will be.

**Contact Information**

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