

WELCOME

Welcome to the Multi-Disciplinary Clinic (MDC)!

There has been significant progress in treating children with brain tumors 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 tumor 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.

In our clinic we try to involve multiple specialists who may have been involved in your child's care, including all 3 of our neuro-oncologists, our neurosurgeon, the radiation oncologist, the long term follow up nurse clinician, as well as our neuropsychologist. Your child may be seen and examined by any of the doctors or sometimes by a fellow (doctor completing specialty training in neuro-oncology). The benefit of being seen this way is that all patients will then get reviewed in a follow-up

meeting held with your child's attending doctor and the other specialists. This allows us to access the expertise and resources of the different doctors and specialists in order to provide the best care for your child.

You will continue to be seen in the MDC until your child is 18-21 years of age, or at a point we feel they could benefit from the resources of the Late Effects, Assessment and Follow-Up Clinic (LEAF Clinic) at the BC Cancer Agency.

Your Long Term Follow-Up Team

Nurse Clinician

Dana Anderson cares for patients who have had brain tumors once they are 2 years off treatment and until they are transitioned to adult care. Her office hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternating Wednesdays.

Booking Clerk

Deborah Babcock books your child's Long Term Follow-Up appointments and coordinates them with other departments that your child may have appointments with.

Appointments

Multi-Disciplinary Clinics are held 5 times a year on the second Thursday of February, April, June, September, and November from 9am to 11am.

In general, you will be notified of your child's appointment(s) about 1 or 2 months prior to the booked time. It is very difficult to reschedule appointments due to the limited number of spaces available for the MDC, as well as it is difficult for patients to be seen outside of these clinic days. Please make every effort to keep your appointments. We will do our very best to have MRI's and other appointments scheduled within a day or two of MDC for those from out of town.

Where do I go?

You will check in at the Long Term Follow-Up desk in the regular outpatient Oncology Clinic first. At this time, you will be given any necessary paperwork.

Once any testing ordered by the oncologist is complete (i.e. Bloodwork, 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 board and have a seat. The Follow-Up nurse clinician will come get you for an assessment before seeing your Oncologist.

Contact Information

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