

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 until your child is 18 to 21 years of age and 5 years off treatment.

Your Long Term Follow-Up Team Nurses:

Kari Dykstra cares for patients once they are 2 years off treatment until approximately 16 years of age.

Monica Gazzola 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.

Jennifer Green (Williams) cares for neuro-oncology patients once they are 2 years off treatment 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), Wednesday and Thursday (10 am-4 pm).

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 them.

Appointments

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

Due to 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 to confirm, cancel or reschedule your appointment. Please see contact information for the booking clerks.

Where do I go?

You will receive an email confirming your appointment with instructions and appointment times.

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 SunnyHill Health Centre.

When you arrive, you will be checked in and brought into an exam room. 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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