

ONCOLOGY CAREGIVER EDUCATION TOOL

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The members of your care team will help to personalize this tool and will help you complete it. *Use Family Handbook: New Diagnosis Guide (see highlighted pages)

	Primary Topics	Date & initial	Learning Preference /Method Used	Learner	R= reviewed M= mastered	Final Check off
Or	ncology: Diagnosis (p. 1-2)					
	Met with provider regarding diagnosis and general					
_	treatment plan					
	COG Family Handbook given					
	APHON Diagnosis booklet given					
	Interdisciplinary team involved (social work to screen for immediate needs)					
	Parents know how to convey diagnosis in emergency					
-	cology: Resources/Accessing care (p.4-6)					
	When to call for help (911 vs. oncology team)					
	Who to call for help					
	Know how to take temperature					
	Fever 101.5					
	Follow up appointments scheduled					
	Give ED letter in Family Handbook					
	<u>Give & Review:</u>					
•	Magnet					
•	Thermometer					
	ncology: Side-Effect Management (to know before next					
	heduled appointment) (p. 7-8)					
	Nausea/vomiting					
	Constipation					
	Use gloves at home for 48 hours after chemo (changing					
	diapers, body fluid contact-vomit/urine) Specific to the chemotherapy the patient received					
	eneral: Basic Health Practices/Preventing Infection (p. 9-10)					
	Preventing infection related to:					
-	Hand washing					
	Screening visitors					
	Oral cares					
•	Caring for animals					
•	Varicella exposure					
•	No rectal medications or exams					
	<u>Give & Review:</u>					
•	PFEMs: Oral cares/Mucositis, CLABSI Prevention					
•	Oral care kit/mask					



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General: Home Medications (p. 12)					
Name and purpose					
Dose and frequency					
Administration					
Storage					
Prescriptions are filled					
Home care company and supplies (if applicable to					
patient)					
Chemotherapy safe handling/disposal					
□ <u>Give & Review:</u>					
 Medication box, pill cutter, foam tape, central line sticker 					
weekly box if needed	,				
 PFEMs: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs/ Patient specific 	2				
chemotherapy medications/Anesthetic cream,					
medication safety					
Indwelling IV Line: Care of Central Line (p. 3, 11)					
 Emergency care of central line 					
 Demonstrate central line flush 					
 Home Care vs. Inpatient – supplies and techniques may 					
look different and it's OK!					
□ <u>Give & Review:</u>					
 PFEM: Central Venous Catheter: Care at Home 					
 PFEM: Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter: Care at 					
Home					
 PFEM: Implanted Port: Care at Home 					
 PICC & Tunneled catheters: are home supplies being 					
delivered to hospital or home?					
 PICC & Tunneled: Emergency Kit 					
General: Wound Care (p. 11)					
 If patient has a wound, care is taught to parents with 					
return demonstration					
General: Pain Management (p.7)					
 If pain present, review assessment and management with 					
parents	'				
 Tylenol- use sparingly at home, monitor temp prior to use 					
 Avoid aspirin, ibuprofen and combination medications 					
Neurology: Care of patients with CNS tumor only (p. 11)					
 Know symptoms of increased intracranial pressure 					
 Know symptoms of shunt malfunction (if patient has a 					
shunt)					
 Seizure precautions 					

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Or	icology: Diagnosis/Treatment Plan					
	Verbalizes understanding of diagnosis					
	Understanding of chemotherapy					
	Understand treatment plan/roadmap					
Or	icology: Side Effect Management					
	ne Marrow Suppression					
	Anemia (signs of anemia, blood transfusions)					
	Neutropenia (signs of infection, when to avoid crowds,					
-	wear your mask, frequent hand washing, good oral					
	cares, peri-anal cares, avoid constipation)					
	Thrombocytopenia (signs of thrombocytopenia,					
	precautions for low platelets, platelet transfusions, nose					
	bleeds, head 'bumps'- what to look for & when to call)					
	Give & Review:					
	PFEMs: Blood Transfusions Care at Home; Blood					
	Transfusion Information					
•	Refer to "Blood Transfusion Information" video located					
	on the Patient/Family Resources web page					
	eneral: Basic Health Practices					
	Understand effects of therapy on digestive system					
	Nutrition: importance of diet, appetite/taste changes,					
	nutritional supplements					
	Bathing or swimming precautions as applicable					
	Vaccinations					
	Environmental precautions					
	Activity restrictions as applicable					
Ge	eneral: Medications/Home and Chemotherapy					
	Home medication potential side-effects					
	Chemo medication side-effects (hair loss, pain)					
	Expected nadir					
	Managing side effects (use of sunscreen)					
	Use gloves at home for 48 hours after chemo					
	(changing diapers with gloves and frequently – every 2					
	hours, body fluid contact-vomit/urine)					
Inc	welling IV Line: Care of Central Line					
	Dressing changes					
	Cap changes					
	How to protect line when bathing					
	Review how to flush line					
	Problem solving					
	Age/Developmental Concerns:					
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