



The Acute Leukemia, Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Day Hospital



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A Little About Us...

The Ottawa Hospital Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (TCT) Day Hospital Program was first launched in 1994. The Leukemia Day Hospital Program was added in January of 2012.

These programs have been developed with a patient-centred focus. Our aim is to provide you with the unique care you require in the Day Hospital setting, so you get to spend less time in the hospital and more time with your family during your treatment.

Our experienced, interdisciplinary team is highly specialized in the care of patients undergoing stem cell transplantation, cellular therapy, and treatment for haematologic cancers and other blood or immune disorders. Team members include registered nurses, haematologists and other medical specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical associates, clinical pharmacists, dietitians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, clerks, personal care attendants and environmental aides.

Appointments

We strive to accommodate your scheduling needs as best we can, in conjunction with the delivery of the complex care you require. You may experience appointment times that vary from day to day as we work to coordinate the changing care needs of all our patients. Please be flexible, as many treatments are time sensitive, and appointment times given to you cannot usually be modified.

ALERT

If your condition changes and you need to be assessed by the team prior to your next appointment, please call 613-737-8650. Phones are answered from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ask to speak to the Day Hospital nurse. After 7:30 p.m., phone 613-739-6962 and ask to speak to the on-call haematologist.

While in our care

What we require from you (all apply)

- We do not have an on-unit waiting room. Please arrive on time.
- We can provide water, milk and juice. For long appointments, please bring your own meals or snacks. You should expect your first visit to the Day Hospital to last up to 8 hours.
- Our unit has a one-visitor-per-patient policy. That person must be free of cough, cold and any other symptoms of infection. Our visitor policy may change without warning in the event of an infection control concern on the unit or within the community.
- Please remember to bring your medications and medication schedule with you to every appointment. For transplant and cellular therapy patients, some medications will be provided to you on your first day of admission to the Day Hospital Program.
- Your weakened state of health and chemotherapy side-effects will make it unsafe for you to drive during your treatment. Please have your caregiver drive you to and from all your Day Hospital appointments.

What you can expect from us

- Our program is open seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Our unit enforces rigorous infection control measures to ensure the safety of our patients. Each Day Hospital room is thoroughly disinfected, and linens changed in between patients.
- Our staff are always happy to provide the information you need to understand your illness. We offer educational handouts regarding your disease, treatments, medications and their associated symptoms and side effects. Please don't hesitate to ask questions!
- You will have 24-hour emergency access to our health-care team while in the Day Hospital program.
- If you are in the Leukemia Day Hospital program, you can expect to see a nurse each day and a physician assistant (PA) most days. A PA is a trained medical professional who works alongside members of a multidisciplinary health care team. A PA can attend to most of your medical needs during your Day Hospital admission and reports back to the haematologist.

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