

Algorithm for managing fever in immunocompromised patients as of 15 May 2021

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(Asplenic, Hyposplenic, Potentially Neutropenic, Post BMT)

Fever or other symptoms that need medical attention
Call Oncologist On Call or FCC
OR if patient arrives in clinic unannounced
Verbal screening for risk for COVID * See attached

Verbal Screen for COVID-19:
Does not meet criteria to test

Verbal Screen for COVID-19:
Meets criteria to test

To Hem/Onc Clinic (day time hours) or ED for normal management of febrile patient

- Alert ED that patient coming.
- COVID testing not indicated

Direct patient to IWK ED.
Patient to show Treat Promptly Card.
Will be screened by Triage Nurse.

- Do not send patient to COVID-19 assessment center or Hem/Onc clinic.
- Alert ED that patient is coming.
- COVID-19 testing indicated
- Normal work up of febrile hem/onc patient

Admit to 6 Link Airborne Isolation (negative pressure) room on Novel Respiratory Precautions until COVID-19 testing is back.
If test negative, may move to regular patient room, if room required.
If test positive, remain in negative pressure room unless requires ICU care.
ICU care in PICU. Expected that Oncology/Hematology will round on these patients.
OF NOTE: no need for AIRBORNE precautions (N95 mask) unless AGMP is being performed

If fit for discharge, Home on self-isolation until test is result; follow-up and instructions will be done by Public Health.
If clinically worse, call onc to manage reassessment