

Pharmacy

DRUG INFORMATION

Signs and Symptoms to go A & E Department for Patients Receiving Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy



Please proceed to emergency department immediately if you experience any of the following:

1. Signs of an infection such as fever with a temperature of 38°C or above, chills and shivering. Avoid taking Paracetamol (Panadol®) to relieve fever. Be aware that taking Paracetamol may mask fever and hence delay treatment of infection.
2. Signs of bleeding such as large amount of fresh blood in urine or stools, or black sticky stools, or significant and/or multiple bruising.
3. Severe redness, pain and swelling at injection site.
4. Signs of an allergic reaction such as face swelling, significant rash or shortness of breath.
5. Diarrhoea or increased bowel movement more than 3 times a day (including increased stoma output), especially if it is significantly more than your usual bowel movements or if it is associated with moderate to severe abdominal pain.
6. Vomiting more than 3 to 4 times a day, or severe or prolonged loss of appetite that significantly reduces food and drink intake for more than a day, despite taking your anti-vomiting medication.
7. Symptoms which may indicate heart or lung problems such as difficulty in breathing, chest pain or sudden swelling of legs.
8. Any other symptoms of pain or discomfort of moderate to severe intensity which has not been mentioned by your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or for which the medications given is insufficient to relieve.

This is not an exhaustive list, please proceed to the emergency department if there are any severe or life-threatening side effects.