

## Free Prescriptions

All cancer patients undergoing treatment for cancer, the effects of cancer or the effects of cancer treatment can apply for an exemption certificate for a free prescription from their GP.



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## How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?

Infection control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection control procedures in place. Keeping your hands clean is an effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We ask that you, and anyone visiting you, use the hand rub (special gel) available at the main entrance of the hospital and at the entrance to every ward before coming in to and after leaving the ward or hospital. In some situations hands may need to be washed at the sink using soap and water rather than using the hand rub. Staff will let you know if this is the case.

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# Information for female patients attending for chemotherapy

## Patient information leaflet

If you require a translation or an alternative format of this leaflet please ask for assistance.

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every time

You have been recommended a course of treatment by your oncologist.

When you attend you will be asked to reconfirm your consent to undergo treatment.

### **Are you pregnant or think you could be?**

It is very important that we know if you are pregnant before any of these treatments, commence otherwise the baby could be severely harmed.

Pregnancy does not necessarily prevent you having treatment, but if you are pregnant we would need to take this into account very carefully.

All female patients aged 12 – 55 (inclusive) will be asked to undertake a urine pregnancy test.

You will be asked to provide a urine sample unless you have had a hysterectomy or a sterilisation. The results of this will be obtained before any course of treatment is planned or given.

If you decline to take a pregnancy test when asked, no treatment will proceed at that point, and you will be referred back to your consultant for further discussion.

### **Questions or concerns**

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the doctor giving you this leaflet or a nurse or radiographer when you come to your appointment.