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Patient Information

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Albury Wodonga
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As part of ensuring the best possible treatment for your cancer, your treating clinician may request to nominate your case for presentation at a multidisciplinary team meeting. The purpose of presenting at a multidisciplinary team meeting is to explore all available appropriate treatment options and referral opportunities in order to enhance patient care.

What is a Multidisciplinary Team Meeting?

A multidisciplinary team meeting is a meeting attended by health professionals who discuss and develop management plans for each individual patient.

Both clinical and psychosocial components are important factors when considering a management plan. Management plans or options arising from the multidisciplinary team meeting will be discussed with you by your treating clinician.

How often are the meetings held?

The multidisciplinary team meeting is held monthly in this region.

Who will be at the meeting?

Core Members: Clinicians involved in the multidisciplinary team meeting include; surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, health professionals including cancer care coordinators, breast care nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dieticians and your general practitioner will be invited to attend. A multidisciplinary team meeting administrator will also be present.

Extended Members: At the request of the doctor presenting a patient's case may include the registrars, resident medical officers, a clinical trials nurse or a specialist nurse.

These team members may be from public or private health services.

Invited Observers: Occasionally visiting specialists or health bureaucrats may be invited to attend the meeting to observe how meetings are conducted. All observers will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement to safeguard your privacy.

Your Right to Privacy

In accordance with the Victorian Health Records Act 2001 and Health Records and Information NSW Privacy Act 2002, your doctor is required to obtain your consent to collect, use and disclose personal information regarding your course of treatment and continuity of health care. This consent may be verbal or in writing. It is important for you to notify your treating doctor if you do not want to have your case discussed.

Consent before the meeting

If your doctor wishes to discuss your care at this meeting, they will ask you to give permission to allow this to happen.

Only relevant personal information related to your treatment and ongoing care will be presented for discussion. You have the opportunity to identify any information you do not wish to be shared with the team. You may also withdraw your consent at anytime by notifying your treating doctor.

Who will be presenting my case?

The doctor who presents your case to the other clinicians may be your surgeon, your medical oncologist, or radiation oncologist.

What happens with information about me?

If your case is discussed at the meeting, the suggested management plan that is decided upon in the meeting will be documented and stored in your patient notes (held by the presenting clinician). This information will only be shared with you and those people and services who are involved directly in your care.

De-identified patient data will be collected for statistical purposes to support quality improvement of multidisciplinary team meetings.

Will I be billed?

The doctors involved in your care are able to claim via Medicare for their involvement in the multidisciplinary team meeting.

You may receive a bill from specialists involved in your care (including the radiologist and pathologist).

Your treating doctor will discuss with you Medicare billing when your consent is sought for presentation at a multidisciplinary team meeting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your treating doctor.