Preparing for a Clinical Trial Patient at CHPS

Is the study Disease-Specific or Healthy Volunteer?

Disease-Specific

Is the disease Cancerous or Non-Cancerous?

Cancerous

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What are some basic considerations about this disease?

• Review training document on Sharepoint

Non-Cancerous

What will the patient need today?

What resources are available for non-oncology patients at Penn?

• Social work referral via in-basket pool “social needs response team”
• On-call Chaplain available via Secure Chat group “Chaplains On Call (HUP)”

Healthy Volunteer

Will the patient receive meds on study?

No

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Yes

• Review training document on Sharepoint
• Review nursing worksheet tasks
• Contact study team with questions
What are some basic considerations about this disease?

- Look up disease on www.oncolink.org
- Review training document on Sharepoint

What will the patient need today?

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- Review nursing worksheet tasks
- Contact study team with questions

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- No
- Yes

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What resources are available for oncology patients at Penn?

- Social Work referral: Epic In-Basket pool “infusion social work assessment”
- Supportive Services: nutrition, counseling, patient navigation, yoga, reiki, acupuncture (see doc: “Patient Resources at Penn, Oncology”)
- Patient and Family Support Services (PCAM 1S to right past wig shop)
- On-call Chaplain available via Secure Chat group “Chaplains On Call (HUP)”
- Oncolink at home
Non-Oncology Medication Administration

Does this non-onc study involve medication administration?

Yes

Review the beacon orders for:
- Lab parameters
- Treatment conditions
- Nursing instructions (should also be included on worksheets)

No

Review nursing worksheet tasks

Are any of the meds FDA-approved?
(Type med name into Lexicomp to check! It may be approved for another indication or may only say “investigational” because it is supplied by IDS due to billing.)

Yes

Use Lexicomp Formulary to identify:
- Medication class, MOA
- Administration considerations
- Potential reactions
- Side effects
- Nursing considerations

No

Review nursing worksheet tasks

Use the training document on Sharepoint to identify study medication class, mechanism of action. Use key words to find more info about study drug class on www.uptodate.com

If immunotherapy, think:
- -itis (pneumonitis, hepatitis, )
- Skin conditions
- Flu-like symptoms

Educate patient:
- Set expectations for study visit
- Review potential side effects
- Specific to their symptoms
- Who to contact/when
Oncology Medication Administration

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1. Start with www.oncolink.org for overview and side effects
2. Go to www.nccn.org for administration considerations, potential reaction/side effect info, regimen/dose, irritant/vesicant info, emetic risk, lifetime dose toxicity
3. Go to Lexicomp Formulary for med class, MOA, nursing considerations
4. Ask Questions! CHPS RNs, CPL, Infusion RNs, Infusion Pharmacists
5. See Microsoft Teams “HUP Based Outpatient Infusion Nursing and Pharmacy” Group
6. See Tip Sheets, “Pearls of Wisdom” (be aware these will quickly become outdated)

Educate patient:
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About what should I be educating my patient with oncology?

**General**
- Set expectations for study visit
- Review potential reactions, side effects
- Educate specific to their symptoms
- Who to contact/when

**Oncolink Treatment Binder**
- Create treatment binder for patient
- Include common side effects: managing fatigue, nausea and vomiting, nutrition during cancer treatment, peripheral neuropathy, side effects of immunotherapy, understanding and managing pain, guide to blood counts
- Include side effects specific to patient (based on CHPS assessment)
- Include disease-specific info
- Include drug-specific info
- Print and/or share to patient’s MyPennMedicine
- Encourage patient to visit Oncolink website at home

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