

Clinical Haematology at Austin 2010 – Information for GPs

Non Urgent Outpatient Bookings:

- New patient appointment - fax referral to 9496 2097
- Appointment details will be sent to new patient within 3 weeks
- Patient will be allocated to a particular doctor for ongoing care

Urgent Outpatient Bookings:

- Contact Haematology Registrar via Austin switchboard 9496 5000
- Ask Registrar for an overbooking authority
- Bookings officer can be contacted on 9496 2444 for further information
- If unsatisfactory email Andrew.grigg@austin.org.au

Improved communication with GPs:

- Aiming for faster turn around time for GP letters – to be within 1 week of patient appointment
- Weekly review of discharge summaries and prompt mail out
- GPs phoned on discharge of new patients
- Further suggestions encouraged
- If unsatisfactory email Andrew.grigg@austin.org.au

Communication within Austin Health:

- Regular meetings with infectious disease physicians
- Lymphoma multi disciplinary meetings
- Protocol development with respiratory unit
- Close relationship with professorial surgical unit

Communication with other hospitals:

- Consolidating links with Northern Health & Ballarat Health haematology
- Meetings with Box Hill to facilitate improved clinical trial activity within NEMICS

Clinical Trials:

- Expansion of clinical trial program at Austin Health
- Intended to give patients opportunity to access the latest advances in therapeutics
- Patients with haematological malignancies have access to potent drugs not yet available under the PBS.

Clinical Trials open or imminent:

- Newly diagnosed myeloma
- Autografts for myeloma
- Elderly AML
- Elderly CLL
- Newly diagnosed CML
- Aggressive B cell lymphoma
- CNS lymphoma

Clinical Trials on the drawing board:

- AML <65
- Paediatric based ALL protocols for young adults (aged 18-40)
- CLL <65
- Patients eligible for trials not open at Austin will be referred elsewhere if thought to be in their best interest

Newly created positions in Haematology:

- Bone Marrow Transplant Coordinator
- Haematology Nurse Consultant
- Database coordinators – databases will allow QA & critical peer performance review
- Specialised counselling & care coordination provided for transplant candidates and newly diagnosed patients

Future plans:

- Up to 32 dedicated haematology beds in the new Olivia Newton John Cancer Centre

Dr Andrew Grigg private practice:

- Suite 9, 210 Burgundy Street Heidelberg
- Thursday afternoons
- Patient bookings tel: 9459 5333
- Urgent patients seen within 1 week
- Bulk billing for patients with financial difficulties, pensioners & health care card holders
- Interest areas/specialisation?? – all aspects of haematological malignancy & benign haematology (thrombosis & ITP)
- Direct contact details – 0413 514 456 or 9496 5093 or email Andrew.grigg@austin.org.au

