

## Pharmacy Services for BMT and Cellular Therapy Patients

Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) has pharmacists who work specifically with myeloma, BMT, and cellular therapy patients. They are available to help whether you are in the hospital or at home.

### Pharmacy services

Our pharmacists can help:

- Answer questions about your medicines.
- Check for any allergies or interactions.
- Provide information about your new treatments.
- Make sure insurance will cover the drugs you need.
- Work with your doctor and transplant team to make sure your drug therapy is safe and effective.
- Explain the medicines you will need when you leave the hospital and how to get them.

### When you are in the hospital

When you are staying in the BMT unit, the cancer hospital will supply most of your medicines. You may be taking some medicines that the hospital cannot provide. You can bring these from home or ask a family member to bring them.

Your transplant team will tell you before you come to the hospital if you need to bring your own medicines.

### After you leave the hospital

You can use the pharmacy here at Huntsman or go to any pharmacy to get your medicines unless your insurance tells you to use specific ones.

#### **Huntsman Outpatient Pharmacy: 801-585-0172**

Your transplant team will set up refills for the medicines you need. The label on the medicine container will show how many times you can get a refill. If there are still refills left, you can call the pharmacy directly to ask for more medicine.

If you would like to have your medicine mailed to you, you can use the University of Utah Midvalley Specialty Pharmacy. Remember to ask for refills before you run out. It takes time to process and mail the medicine.

#### **Midvalley Specialty Pharmacy: 801-213-8650**

Some medicines, such as narcotic pain medicines, cannot be refilled by calling the pharmacy. Your doctor needs to give you a new prescription, and you have to pick up these medicines in person.

You may need to use a specialty pharmacy for certain medicines. If you do, your pharmacist will let you know.

### Mail-order pharmacies

Your insurance might ask you to use a mail-order pharmacy to buy your medicines.

When you use mail orders, you can usually get a three-month supply of your medicine. This can save you money. You can choose to use a mail-order pharmacy even if it is not required.

Mail-order pharmacies might not answer all your questions about your medicines. Our BMT pharmacists are here to help answer questions about side effects and interactions, even if you get your medicines through the mail.

It can take about two weeks for mail-order pharmacies to deliver your medicines. Keep an eye on your supply to make sure you do not run out.

### Managing costs

Before you pay for your medicine, make sure it costs what you thought it would. You cannot return a drug after you leave the pharmacy with it.

If you cannot afford your medicines, tell your transplant team. They can help you find ways to lower the costs.