Understandably, patients are often anxious about their first day of treatment for cancer. Knowing this, the Oncology Treatment Center at UCLA aims to make your first—and all future appointments—as stress-free as possible so you can focus on healing.

Before the appointment, be sure to eat a good meal and take any necessary medications as instructed by your physician. Dress comfortably and please arrive 45 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.

The Oncology Treatment Center at UCLA provides infusion therapy in a comfortable and caring environment. Our nurses are oncology specialists and will work with each patient to ensure a positive treatment experience.
What to Bring
Please bring the following items to your first treatment:
• Pain medications as instructed by your physician
• Insurance cards and any other documents that you have been instructed to bring
• Any necessary provisions, such as adult diapers, insulin syringes, glucometers and ostomy supplies

The Oncology Treatment Center will provide sandwiches, soft drinks and crackers. You may also wish to bring the following items to make your appointment more comfortable:
• Special food items
• Books, cards or other quiet activities

Before Treatment
Please arrive 45 minutes before your appointment time and sign in upon arrival. You will need to arrive only 15 minutes early for the rest of your treatment appointments. Patients who arrive more than 30 minutes after their scheduled appointment may be rescheduled for a later appointment or another day.

After signing in, you will be called for a blood draw, which is conveniently performed in the Oncology Treatment Center. After the blood draw, you will return to the lobby to wait for your treatment appointment. Please notify the front desk staff if you are still waiting more than 20 minutes past your scheduled appointment time.

During Treatment
Each patient is treated in a recliner in one of the comfortable treatment rooms. In most cases, you are free to get up and walk around with the intravenous equipment.

For the comfort of all patients, visitors are limited. Each patient is allowed one visitor at a time during treatment. Social workers and a chaplain are also available during visits.

Your nurse will be on hand to monitor your treatment and to answer questions or discuss possible side effects. The length of each session depends upon your treatment and how you are feeling.

After Treatment
Certain medications may make you sleepy following treatment. Patients who feel drowsy will not be allowed to leave unless someone else is driving them home or they wait for several hours before driving themselves. For this reason, patients may want to make arrangements for a relative or friend to drive them home.

All future doctor visits, blood draws and treatments require an appointment. At the end of the first treatment, please schedule your next appointment.

The appointment desk is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also schedule an appointment by calling (310) 206-6931.

Treatment Room (310) 825-6765
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