

# Osteosarcoma Home Protocol – Phone Advice Tip Sheet

Issue	Grade		
	1 – issue may be managed at home	2 – required follow up/review	3 – patient should come into hospital immediately
CVAD site wet or needle dislodged	See Grade 2	Wallaby to complete home visit and reconnect central line within 1 hour. <b>Action:</b> Wallaby to rectify issue within 1 hour.	Wallaby cannot rectify the issue within 1 hour. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
CVAD site painful and swollen	See Grade 3	See Grade 3	Patient needs peripheral access. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
pH levels of urine (post methotrexate infusion)	pH is 7 or above	pH is less than 7 <b>Action:</b> tell child to take oral sodium bicarbonate (1 sachet in 200mL water). Repeat pH at next urine and call back.	pH is less than 7 for 3 consecutive urine specimens. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Hydration	Able to eat/drink reasonable intake. Tolerating NG feeds (if applicable). Normal urine output.	Oral intake significantly reduced. Urine output is less than 80% of oral & IV intake Not tolerating NG feeds (if applicable). <b>Action:</b> tell parent to check pH and call back.	Vomiting and poor urinary output. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Child has not taken folic acid at the correct time	Child vomited/forgot to take a dose, but took dose within 1 hour of specified time	Child vomited/forgot to take a dose and has not taken next dose within 1 hour of specified time <b>Action:</b> tell child to take oral folic acid dose. Consult Oncologist. Review at next home visit.	Child is vomiting regularly and cannot keep folic acid tablet down. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Fluid bag has not been changed/issue with pump	For less than 1 hour and fluid has been restarted with phone advice	For less than 1 hour and Wallaby can restart the pump within 1 hour. <b>Action:</b> Wallaby to restart the pump at visit within 1 hour	It has been greater than 1 hour and Wallaby cannot visit within 1 hour. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Child has not passed urine	For less than 4 hours	For greater than 4 hours. <b>Action:</b> if asleep, wake child to try to pass urine. Consult Oncologist and if appropriate, increase fluid rate at next home visit.	For greater than 4 hours and child cannot pass urine. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Nausea	Some loss of appetite, able to eat/drink reasonable intake.	Vomiting. <b>Action:</b> tell child to take secondary antiemetic dose. Consult Oncologist.	Secondary antiemetics have been taken and excess vomiting persists. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.
Fever	36 – 37.9°C And no other concerns	38 – 38.4°C And no other concerns  <b>Action:</b> repeat temperature in an hour and call back	38.5°C or above Or 38 – 38.4°C and child looks unwell or line access within 24 hours. <b>Action:</b> attend hospital immediately.

**If in doubt or for all other signs and symptoms contact the Solid Tumour Fellow on 55153 for further advice. After hours, contact the covering oncology consultant/fellow through switch.**