

MEMO

Date: August 23, 2021

Subject: Benign Hematology Clinic – Changes to acceptance of referrals

Effective immediately and until March 2022, RVH's Benign Hematology Clinic will not be accepting new referrals due to a physician leave of absence. Further information will be provided once the clinic is open to accepting new referrals again.

Below are the following referral options based on patient primary issue:

1. Polycythemia, thrombocytosis, MGUS, query myeloma, abnormal SPEP, leukocytosis, neutrophilia, lymphocytosis, ITP, hemolytic anemia, pancytopenia, severe cytopenias otherwise unexplained (Hb <100, neutrophils <1.0, platelets <50) should be referred to **Hematology** at the **Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Center**.
2. Venous thromboembolism, anticoagulation advice, mild cytopenias, iron deficiency, need for iron infusions, hemochromatosis, bruising, query coagulopathy should be referred to **Internal Medicine** at your **local hospital**.

If this is an urgent referral, **please call the hematologist on call** through switchboard 705-728-9802 at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to find an interim replacement.

Sincerely,

The Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program