

How to Use the COG Family Handbook: New Diagnosis Guide and Caring for Your Child at Home Slide Set

The *New Diagnosis Guide* and the associated *Caring for Your Child at Home Slide Set* are focused teaching tools for pediatric oncology patients and their families.

How do I integrate the *New Diagnosis Guide* and *Slide Set* into practice?

- **Provide** the *New Diagnosis Guide* to patients and families at the time of diagnosis
- **Review** the *New Diagnosis Guide* to promote safe discharge from the hospital or clinic after first cancer directed therapy
- **Use** the *Caring for Your Child at Home Slide Set* as a slide show to teach patients and families about going home for the first time. This is not intended to be self-directed learning that a family reviews on their own. The speaker notes in the slide set serve as a guide for nurses as they teach this important content. The Spanish and French versions include speaker notes in those languages to allow for an RN who natively speaks the language to facilitate the teaching or for use with an interpreter.
- **Designate** appropriate staff at your institution to complete and review the “*Treatment Overview*” handout in the *New Diagnosis Guide* with patients and families (e.g. physicians leading the diagnosis talk, advanced practice providers, nurses).

CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP *Treatment Overview*
Ask your doctor or nurse to complete the form.

PATIENT NAME _____

DIAGNOSIS _____

TREATMENT MODALITIES

Chemotherapy (medicines to kill cancer cells)

Immunotherapy (medicines to boost the body's ability to fight cancer)

Radiation therapy (high energy X-rays to kill cancer cells)

Surgery (operation to remove tumors)

Other _____

TREATMENT SCHEDULE

Treatment will start with _____

Treatment will last _____

TREATMENT LOCATION

Treatment will happen in the hospital (over the night)

Treatment will happen in the clinic (come during the day and go home the same day)

MY HEALTH CARE TEAM

Doctor(s) _____

Nurse(s) _____

Other(s) _____

HOW TO CONTACT MY HEALTH CARE TEAM

Daytime _____

After Hours _____

Oncology Clinic _____

Hospital Unit _____

Home Care Company _____

Other _____

Bleeding and Feeling Very Tired

Call if your child has any of these symptoms:

- Very tired
- Pale
- Dizzy
- Bad headache
- Bruising
- Small red dots on skin
- Bleeding from the nose, gums, or around the central venous line

Call **immediately** for bleeding that does not stop within 5-10 minutes

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How do I get the *New Diagnosis Guide*?

- **Order** the *Family Handbook* via the [COG Public Website](#). The *New Diagnosis Guide* is now included in a 3-hole punched, plastic protector pocket placed in the front of the *Family Handbook* binder.
- **Print** from the professional print file links provided on the [COG Public Website](#)
- **Direct** patients and families to the link on the [Public Website](#) to view electronically.

How do I get the *Caring for Your Child at Home Slide Set*?

- **Download** the *Slide set* via the [COG Public Website](#) as a Power Point file to a computer, laptop, or tablet. When downloaded as a Power Point file, the navigation buttons in the slide set will be active.
- **Update** the slides by inserting hospital-specific information (e.g. fever guidelines, contact numbers). You can add additional slides as needed.

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Is there a cost?

No! The **Family Handbook** and **New Diagnosis Guide** are provided to COG institutions at no cost through the generosity of the [St. Baldrick's Foundation](#). The Slide Set can be downloaded free of charge.

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