

# 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 views 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 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 this form.

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
DIAGNOSIS \_\_\_\_\_

**TREATMENT TYPE(S) AND WHEN**

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 LOCATION**

Treatment will happen in the hospital (check the right)  
 Treatment will happen in the clinic (check 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Inpatient Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Care Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Bleeding and Feeling Very Tired** Table of Contents

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 **COG 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 [COG Public Website](#) to view electronically.

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

- **Download** the **slide set** via the [COG Public Website](#) as a PowerPoint file to a computer, laptop, or tablet. When downloaded as a PowerPoint 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.

## Is there a cost?

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

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