

# How to Use the COG Family Handbook: New Diagnosis Guide

The **New Diagnosis Guide** is a focused teaching tool for pediatric oncology patients and their families.

## How do I integrate the **New Diagnosis Guide** 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
- **Designate** appropriate staff at your institution to complete and review the “*Treatment Overview*” handout 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 WILL LIKELY INCLUDE**

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 (operations to remove tumors)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TREATMENT SCHEDULE**

Treatment will start with: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment will last: \_\_\_\_\_

**TREATMENT LOCATION**

Treatment will happen in the hospital (spend the night)

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

**MY HEALTH CARE TEAM**

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW TO CONTACT MY HEALTH CARE TEAM**

Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_

After hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Oncology Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Inpatient Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Care Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## How do I get the **New Diagnosis Guide**?

- **Order** the **Family Handbook** via the [COG Public Website](#) and the **New Diagnosis Guide** will come 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 screen viewing link on the [Public Website](#) to view electronically.

## 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](#).

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