Scheduled Chemotherapy Admissions

Many chemotherapy treatments may be given outpatient in the Jimmy Fund Clinic (JFC) although some treatments require admission to the Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH).

Clinic Appointment—Day of Admission

- Your appointment time in the JFC is made to allow for blood work and a physical exam to be completed.
- When your healthcare provider approves the start of chemotherapy, the JFC charge nurse communicates with the BCH coordinator of patient placement (COOP) to confirm bed location.
- When a room is available:
  - the nurse caring for your child in the JFC will inform you and arrange for transfer to BCH
  - your child’s nurse at the JFC will provide a report to the BCH nurse regarding what treatment your child has received in clinic
  - chemotherapy will be started in the JFC depending on the time of day, the length and type of treatment

Inpatient Room Availability

There may not be a room at BCH due to several reasons.

- Unplanned events or emergencies
- Patients waiting overnight in the emergency room
- Unexpected admissions from the JFC
- Seasonal illnesses such as flu or virus

Your clinic nurse will keep you updated throughout the day about room availability. If a room is not available by late afternoon, there will be a clear plan given to you.

Contact Us

For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270
  Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352
  Off hours: weekdays after 5 p.m., holidays, and weekends
  Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911

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