



Your Initial Visit

Before starting any cancer treatment, you will meet with a medical oncologist who will review your past medical history and perform a physical examination. No two individuals are the same, and the medical oncologist will develop a treatment plan that is best for you. Sometimes, more information is necessary to develop the best treatment plan for you and the provider may order more tests.

If the provider recommends chemotherapy as part of your treatment, the medical oncologist will discuss the potential risks and benefits of this therapy. You will have the opportunity to ask questions during this visit, but if you forget a question during the first visit, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions on subsequent visits. If you agree to receive chemotherapy, the provider will ask you to sign a permission form and will give you a proposed schedule to start your therapy. Depending on the type of chemotherapy that you will receive, the provider may prescribe several medications that will help with some common side effects associated with the proposed treatment.

In addition, you may meet with other members of the oncology team, such as a radiation oncologist, the social worker, nutritionist, nurse navigator, among others. If you don't meet these individuals on your first day, you may get to meet them on subsequent visits.

What to Bring With You

Make sure to bring the following items with you to your first visit:

- Form of identification (driver's license, government issued ID, etc.)
- Insurance card
- Referral (if applicable)
- Medical records (for treatment outside of Agnesian HealthCare)
- Copy of CD with medical images (if obtained outside of Agnesian HealthCare)
- Completed health packet that may have been mailed to you prior to your appointment

Family and/or friends - we encourage you to bring a family member or a friend to your first visit. The additional set of ears can be helpful in remembering all of the information that was presented by your oncology team. Please call us at (920) 926-4100 with further questions.