

Preparing to Collect Stem Cells: When to Call the Doctor

Everyone is different and may have slightly different complications after treatment. In order to help you, we need you to be aware of what is abnormal or unusual for you. Be alert for anything that is different and report it to us right away. This will help us respond more quickly as we work together as partners to meet your needs.

When should I call my doctor or nurse?

- You have a temperature of 100.5° F (38.1° C) or higher by mouth
 - **Do not** take Tylenol® or aspirin until you speak with your doctor or nurse
- You have signs and symptoms of an infection. These include shaking and/or chills, a burning feeling when passing urine, a cough, sore throat, a general feeling of tiredness or “flu-like” symptoms, or fever.
- You are feeling confused, dizzy, overly tired or weak.
- You notice yellowing of your eyes or skin
- You have redness, pain or sores in your mouth
- Your heartbeat feels unusual or irregular
- You have been unable to eat or drink in the past 24 hours
- You have been nauseated or vomiting for more than 24 hours
- You do not have a bowel movement for 2-3 days
- You have diarrhea (loose, watery stool) for more than 24 hours
- You have blood in your urine or in your stools (either bright red or black bowel movements)
- You have any vaginal bleeding which is unusual for you
- You have a nose bleed that does not stop after 20 minutes

- You notice any other bleeding or bruising which is unusual for you
- You have pain that is not controlled by your current medication
- You notice any changes in your catheter, including a change in the appearance of the line, redness, drainage, swelling or pain. If you are unable to flush catheter ports, the catheter becomes dislodged or leaks

Call if you have any other questions or concerns which are not listed above.

Emergency Phone Numbers

- M - F 8am to 5pm call: (734) 936-9814
- **After hours, weekends, holidays:** Call the paging operator and ask to have the on call BMT physician paged (734)-936-6267