

The Medical Short Stay Unit at St. Paul’s Hospital

About the Medical Short Stay Unit (MSSU)

- MSSU is a place for people who need a short visit to the hospital for treatment and do not have to stay overnight.
- MSSU is at St. Paul’s Hospital. Please come to the 8th floor (8D) on your appointment days and register at the Nursing Station.
- MSSU is open everyday from 7:30am to 7:30pm.

Your MSSU appointments

You have appointments at the MSSU on these dates and times. Please arrive on time for your scheduled appointment:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Each appointment should last about _____

Before your appointment

2 days before your appointment

Your doctor may order a blood test to be done 1 to 2 days before your appointment. It is very important that you get this done as your blood test results are used to help make decisions about your treatment.

1 day before your appointment

You must call the MSSU (604-682-2344 extension 62437) the day before your appointment to confirm that you are coming.

30 minutes before your appointment

Some chemotherapy can make you feel sick to your stomach. To make sure that you don’t get sick, your doctor may order an anti-nausea pill to be taken 30 minutes before your chemotherapy. Please take the pills as directed on your pill bottle.

What to bring to your appointment

- Your BC Services Card / CareCard.
- The names and telephone numbers (home, work and cell phone numbers) of 2 contact people.
- A list of any allergies you have.
- You may want to bring something to help pass the time such as a book, magazine, or an electrical device such as a tablet or laptop computer (sorry, no internet access available).
- Cellular phones are allowed, but please keep your calls brief so as not to disturb other patients, and to allow our staff to care for you thoroughly.
- You may bring a friend or family member to stay with you.
- You may bring any food or drink that you would like.
- Please bring your meals with you (tea, coffee and juice are available on the unit).
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After your appointment

After your appointment, your nurse will give you instructions on how to care for yourself at home. If you have any questions before you leave, please ask your nurse.

If you need to talk with someone:

For questions or worries about your health or chemotherapy treatment, please contact your physician's office.

If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

If you have questions about any of your appointments:

For questions about your appointment times or dates, please contact the MSSU booking staff at 604-806-8364.

Please note that while we try our best to accommodate any requests, not all changes that are requested can be made.

This material has been reviewed and approved by patients, families and staff.

