

A Two-Day Visit at the Clinic

Your itinerary for the Pancreas Multidisciplinary Cancer Clinic at Johns Hopkins

All activities take place at the **Skip Viragh Outpatient Cancer Building** located at 201 North Broadway, 5th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21287. (*NE corner of Fayette Street and North Broadway*)

Monday

8:30am - Meet & Greet (JHOC, 6th floor conference room)

Patients are given a teaching overview of chemotherapy & radiation therapy. In addition, the flow of the clinic on Tuesday and what patients can expect is reviewed with the patients and family members. Patients also have the opportunity to participate in the National Familial Pancreas tumor Registry (NFPtr). One of the NFPtr representatives presents the history, purpose and participation details.

CT Scan Time

Once the Meet & Greet is completed, patients typically go for their CT scan in the same building (3rd floor). After the CT is done, the patient may get a bite to eat in the cafeteria on the 2nd floor, or proceed directly to the 1st floor (Express Testing) to have clinical labs and/or NFPtr research labs drawn.

Please Note

If you are having a CT scan done, remember to have nothing to eat for 3 hours before your scan. You may have as much clear fluid (water, clear tea or coffee, apple juice, etc.) as you'd like until the time that you are in the CT machine. You will be prepped for the scan and have an intravenous (IV) line placed in your arm. If you are also scheduled to have clinical labs drawn, please leave the heplock in place. The phlebotomy personnel can use this to draw blood, avoiding an additional needle stick. The heplock can be removed once the phlebotomist is done. If you have a chemotherapy port, this CAN be accessed by the radiology technicians for your IV contrast for the scan. It cannot however be used in the phlebotomy area. The access MUST be discontinued in the CT area after the test is completed.

Late morning

Once the CT and labs are completed, the patient is free to go for the day.

Tuesday

8:00am - 9:30am

On Tuesday morning, each patient has a physical exam done by a mid-level provider (a nurse practitioner, physician assistant or resident). This normally takes 30-45 minutes. The patient is then free to go until the afternoon return time.

11:00am

In the meanwhile, beginning at 11AM, the physician team (medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgery, pathology, research etc.) all meet to discuss each patient, reviewing all of the information available including the patient's current physical status.

Afternoon return time (TBA at the clinic)

Once the physicians have determined next best step, the physicians meet individually with each patient to discuss their recommended part of the plan.