

Lymphoma Diagnosis Program

Tom Baker Cancer Centre

Background

Emergency department and primary care providers can face multiple issues when encountering possible lymphoma diagnoses such as difficulty in arranging investigations to determine a definitive diagnosis before referral. A new care pathway has been established to address these issues based on the successful ATOP model. This pathway has been created with the participation of multiple stakeholders including Emergency Medicine and Primary Care leadership.

Objective

The Lymphoma Diagnosis Program's role is to support patients with presentations that have a high likelihood of being a lymphoma diagnosis and expedite their care from the point of suspicion through diagnostic work-up, staging, definitive diagnosis and eventual consult with an oncologist.

The program's triage nurses will also provide education to patients and intervene with referral to supportive care services earlier in the patient's trajectory if necessary.

Referral Process

The **Lymphoma Diagnosis Program** at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre is now accepting referrals. Based upon defined eligibility criteria patients may be referred directly to the program for highly suspicious lymphadenopathy found on clinical examination and/or abnormal diagnostic imaging. The program will be co-notified by radiology of CT or ultrasound findings that meet criteria and will then send details to ordering providers regarding how to initiate a referral. Diagnostic work-up will be facilitated through the program including the ordering of appropriate biopsy investigations. Further information on the program, a referral form, and what to include in a referral is posted on www.albertareferraldirectory.ca (search: "lymphoma").

Additional Information

For any questions please call the clinic at 403-521-3779

Fax the referral form and all required information to 403-521-3245

A Lymphadenopathy Assessment resource to aid in determining patient eligibility is available online at SpecialistLink