

## Pre-Treatment

### Special Considerations

Patient Location – distance to healthcare.

Ability and willingness to report symptoms in timely manner

Necessary home supports in place

### Patient Education

Provide Alert Card

Drug / Protocol patient handout

Provide local Helpline numbers

Discuss possible side effects and importance of reporting in timely manner

Discuss pseudo-progression and timeline of tumour response

## On Treatment

Prior to each cycle and with weekly follow up calls on 'off-treatment' weeks – a **full thorough assessment based on Protocol Algorithms** (found as an appendix in each protocol ) and Symptom Management Guidelines, to guide the assessment and decision making.

### Assess

- Fatigue
- Pain
- Dyspnea
- Nausea / Anorexia
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Neuropathy
- Rash
- Mood Changes
- Other

Any symptoms identified should be investigated further and treated in a timely manner according to the protocol algorithms in conjunction with the patients' health care team.

If the patient is required to attend Emergency or their family physician, instruct the patient to present their alert card and any protocol handouts they have.

## Documentation

Weekly follow-up assessment calls should be documented by BCCA staff using the Pre-Chemotherapy Nursing Assessment Record (PCNAR). Only use focus charting (DARP) as necessary per PCNAR instructions. Nurses at CON sites should document their assessments and interventions per local authority standards.