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Care of a Suspected Extravasation (non-vesicant)

There is a chance that some of the chemotherapy you received today has leaked out of your vein and under your skin. This is known as extravasation and is a rare but known complication of chemotherapy.

It is important that you follow these instructions to minimise any discomfort or irritation this may cause.

A member of the chemotherapy nursing team will keep in touch with you on a regular basis to monitor your condition.

Call 01722 341930 if you:

- notice any changes at the site including increasing redness, pain, blisters, streaking down the arm, any signs of skin breakdown or swelling.
- develop a temperature of more than 37.5°C
- have any questions, problems or concerns.

Special points:

- do not apply any other lotion, cream or ointments to the affected area unless instructed to do so by a doctor/nurse
- do not expose the area to direct sunlight
- avoid close fitting clothing that constricts the affected area
- after showering dry the site gently. If you do take a bath avoid immersing the site in the water; a waterproof dressing maybe required.
- apply a **HOT/COLD** (nurse to advise) pack gently to the site where your cannula was placed 4 to 5 times a day for 20 minutes over the next 24 hours. This will decrease the swelling and discomfort and may reduce irritation to the tissue.
- 1% hydrocortisone cream will be given to you. Apply a thin layer twice a day until any swelling or redness stops. Use a cotton wool ball or tissue to apply it and wash your hands afterwards.