

MEMO

Date:	June 16, 2020
To:	GP Oncologists (GPOs), CON Clinic Managers and Staff
From:	Dr. Jaco Fourie, Medical Lead, NH Cancer Care Kristin Marren, Lead, NH Cancer and Kidney Care
Re:	CON Clinic in-person consultations - pandemic recovery phase

Providing in-person support for patients is an important aspect of cancer care. It's now appropriate to increase the number of in-person consultations at CON Clinics. When increasing the number of in-person consultations and visits, CON Clinic staff and physicians should follow protocols set forth by the Workplace COVID-19 Safety Plan for their facility and those prescribed by their professional colleges.

Please consider the following guidelines to support increased in-person consultations and visits in Northern Health CON Clinics:

- Proper PPE used for staff, physicians and patients.
- Cleaning processes conducted before and after each visit.
- Careful selection of patients that will benefit from in-person consultations, based on the clinical and psychological needs of the patient.
- No visitors during cancer treatments except for exceptional circumstances which must ensure briefest encounters possible, visitor to use proper PPE, ensure cleaning of any surfaces touched by the visitor.
- During GPO and nursing consultation visits only one supporting visitor permitted.

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