

If you have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher:

1. **Call your cancer doctor right away** - even on the weekend, holidays or middle of the night.
Do not take drugs that reduce a fever such as: aspirin, acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), or naproxen (Aleve) without your doctor's permission.
2. If no one calls you back in 20 minutes, go to the nearest Emergency Department (ED). Call your doctor's office again and tell them which ED you are going to.
3. If you go to the ED, as soon as you arrive tell the ED check-in staff **and** triage nurse:
 - you are getting cancer treatment
 - your cancer doctor's name
 - you have a fever and it's an emergency



If you have a fever, make sure you tell the ED check-in staff and triage nurse right away. A fever means you might have an infection. This can be a life-threatening problem and you should be seen quickly.

If your doctor thinks you are very sick, they may tell you to go to the ED in an ambulance. If so, this is for your safety.

Don't forget to give the ED staff a copy of your medicine list.

My doctor: _____

My doctor's phone number: _____

Call 911 for any problems that you feel are an emergency.

If you call when your doctor's office is closed, you should be connected to our answering service. If you can't reach the UH Seidman Cancer Center **after business hours, on weekends or holidays**, you can call the answering service directly at 1-877-669-2902.

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Signs of infection that may include:

- Fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher
- Shaking, chills or sweats that are new or getting worse
- Redness, soreness, drainage (pus), pain or swelling in any area, including wounds, ports and IV sites
- Shortness of breath that is new or getting worse
- Rash or new sores on your skin
- Sore throat, new mouth sores or white patches in your mouth
- Sinus pain, pressure or nasal congestion
- Vomiting (throwing up)
- Blood or cloudy urine
- Frequent need to pee or pain or burning when you pee
- New cough, change in cough or cough with green or yellow mucous (phlegm)
- Vaginal discharge or itching that is not normal for you
- Stiff neck
- 3 or more loose, watery bowel movements in 24 hours (diarrhea)
- New pain
- Confusion or feeling very sleepy or restless for no reason

Other reasons to call your doctor:

- Not able to eat or drink for 12 hours
- New bleeding or bruising
- New skin changes, rash or blisters
- Concerns or questions
- Symptoms or side effects that are new or get worse



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